Orders of Business:

I. Call to Order
II. Prayer
III. Roll Call (please sign in to save time)
IV. Introductions/Reports
    1. President’s Report
    2. Vice President Report
    3. Treasurer Report
    4. Student-Faculty Liaison Report
    5. Secretary Report
V. Debrief Orientation Events/Open Mic Night
VI. Facebook Posters
VII. Devotionals
VIII. Open Floor for student body concerns
IX. Adjournment

SGA Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 15, 2014

I. Call to Order
   • We have quorum. Meeting called to order by Carla at 12:12 PM

II. Prayer
   • Jacki Nelson prayed for us

III. Roll Call (Please sign in to save time.)
   • Sign-in sheet passed around

IV. Introductions/Reports
   • Review minutes from March 31, 2014.
   • Kari moves to approve minutes, Doug seconds.
   • Carla is looking into the results of the Hackathon from the last meeting of last year
     o John Anderson mentioned having a place to list student concerns online
• Carla passes out Organizational Leader Guides

**President Report-Carla Alleyne**

- $5,000.00 donation for community service; for individuals or groups
  - Need a committee for allocating the funds
  - $500.00 went to Regina Langley to go to Ferguson

**Vice President Report-Ben Shaw**

- Elections are going on now
- Petitions due this Wednesday
- Pick up from Cathy Cook Davis
- Ben will put together the online voting which will begin on 9/22
- Encourage friends to run and to come to meetings

**Treasurer Report-Doug Walters**

- Student leader budget trainings
  - Sent an email on Friday about the training on Wed and Fri during lunch
  - Will discuss group budgets and how to access and use the money
  - Rules and regulations will be discussed
  - Mandatory for each student group to go through the training
  - Moderator or treasurer of each group (one must come)

**Student-Faculty Liaison Report-Jasmin Figueroa**

- Process of choosing student-faculty representatives is almost finished
  - Letters should be going out from President’s office this week
- Luncheon to welcome new faculty hires: three new members
  - We’d like to welcome them and to introduce them to the community
  - Jasmin will be working on this

**Secretary Report-Katy Bedford**

- Website training-Katy is find out more about this process

V. Debrief Orientation Events/Open Mic Night

- Flowers for seminary fest were cute
- Open mic night was fun-Ashley Jones
- Seminary fest went really well
- Food was great but there were logistical issues, lines were too long
- Suggestion for one buffet line instead of several spread out tables

VI. Facebook Posters

- Goal is to really get the community to connect through social media
- To find out what is going on with all groups
- Carla is making group leaders admins on the FB page
- Send us an email about events going on and we can send out to entire student body
- Can submit pictures so that we can help post those
• We want to be on the same page for what everyone is doing

VII. Devotionals
• End of last semester Carla met with Shane Burg about what to do
• Create a devotional as a community and gift it to the next class
• Passed out the devotional concept (attached)
• During the next meeting we can talk about it
• By group?
• Came out of internship at PU-Lenten devotion
• Jan Ammon doing Lenten devotional
• Ours would be separate; compile over year
• Make a committee

VIII. Open Floor for student body concerns
• New dining hours to all students-email blast-Sabrina
  o Trouble locating it online
  o Wineskin or sga email
  o Steve Cardone
• List for Student group leaders of what is required for Tier 1, 2, 3 groups-Kari
  o New Group Training will occur to speak to people who just want to know how to begin
  o budget training for existing groups
• Parking tickets for the students in the lot next to Mackay-Ben
  o Steve Cardone
  o Need to talk to someone about that
  o Has to be a warning
  o CRW as well
• This year the admin is going to be working on emergency preparedness; might be more coming-Laura
• Request to get other students involved

IX. Adjournment
Ben motions to adjourn, Doug seconds. Meeting Adjourned.
PTS COMMUNITY-WIDE DEVOTIONAL

THEME: HOME

Princeton Theological Seminary opens its arms yearly to new staff, faculty and students from various areas of the world and the United States. No matter the duration of time, each one of us is called to drop our bags and share in a journey that follows the footsteps of legends past. Our lives become intertwined and connected, producing a beautiful tapestry called community. PTS becomes our home and provides us with a space for intellectual, spiritual and personal growth. Our shared experiences knit our hearts together and we become much like the first Christians, an authentic community of believers focused on loving God and loving and assisting each other as we prepare and train for ministries and scholarship that will meet the needs of others. The early Christians were a community that went beyond the social barriers of their own day and time. They shared all things in common.

The goal of this devotional is to help us connect with God daily and to build from the within as a company of believers. Together, we will make a conscious effort to be intentional about our own spiritual introspection by reading scripture, breaking bread and fellowshipping in unity.

The devotional will be structured utilizing the S.O.A.P. method.

What is S.O.A.P.?

S.O.A.P. stands for Scripture, Observation, Application and Prayer. It is a way of getting more out of your time in God’s word. Here is how S.O.A.P. can be applied from the writer’s perspective:

- **Scripture**
  Find a scripture verse that connects with the message you want to share.

- **Observation**
  What did you observe about the scripture that struck you? Share a quote or a story that conveys this message to the reader.

- **Application**
  How can the reader apply the observation so that it is relevant and affects their lives today?

- **Prayer**
  Write out a prayer to God based on your passage that will ask Him to guide the reader to apply this truth in their lives.
Who will be involved?

- Current students
- Faculty and staff
- Alumni

Strategy

We will build a page on the SGA website where members of the PTS community will submit a devotional of 250 words that will include a scripture text, their observation and application of the text, and a prayer.

The devotional will cover the academic year with a theme for each week except for alumni month. Alumni month will be in October, and the focus will be PTS Boot Camp: “Tools for Survival.” This month’s devotionals and scripture texts will surround the theme of: “What I would have done differently at PTS now that I look back.”

Other weekly themes might be: Making PTS Home, Honoring God’s Word, Relationships, President’s Week, the Presence of God, Issues of the Heart, Kindness Week, Sharing Your Gifts, Loving Your Neighbor, Reading Week, Surviving Finals Week, Environmental Week, Community Organizing Week, The Power Behind the Gospel, It’s Not About Me, Love: The Mark of the Christian, Social Justice, Missions, Self-Care, Promoting Someone Else, How to Hear the Voice of God, Testimonies, Practicing the Presence of God, Family, You Can Sit With Us, Cultural Diversity Month, Holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Advent, Pentecost, Black History Month), Theologians Month, Graduation.

Writers can also use The Revised Common Lectionary for their devotions. Please include the date and scripture you are writing for.

Guidelines

There will be guidelines for authors of devotionals.

- The devotionals should seek to encourage readers to a deeper engagement of the community and the Bible.
- Authors should also give original sources of material used or quoted.
- The deadline for submission of devotional material will be late January 2015. We will proofread and publish the devotional by March to be ready to distribute to incoming and returning students September 2016.
- Each daily devotional can also be available online. The community will have an opportunity online to share their personal response and commentary with a wider audience.
Implementation

- Form small groups facilitated by deacons or volunteers.
- Space for journaling before and after meeting with small group
- Organize community worship night, community prayer night
- Create events and campaigns that celebrate or observe weekly themes eg: Kindness Week, Family Week, Theologian Month, You Can Sit With Us Campaign (invite someone you don’t know to join your lunch table)

We hope that this publication can continue in following years and that the community will contribute devotionals annually.