STHSA Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2012

Attendance: Micah C., Molly N., Allison B., Anne H., Joseph K., Ashley A., Andrew T., Sara Beth G., Calissa, Soren H.

Interfaith Shabbat

* Five STh students have been invited to attend the Interfaith Shabbat at 7:00pm at Hillel.
* Ashley Anderson will take volunteers from the student body to attend.

Student Parliament

* Anne attended the meeting last week. There is a group of undergrad students who think that Student Union is not inclusive enough or visible enough and want to organize a group made up of representatives across campus.
* In the future, they would like this parliament to supplement the Student Union.
* Issues addressed were curriculum revision, gender neutral housing, transparency in the finances of the university, and lobbying the administration about student issues.
* They hope to have something to talk to the Student Union by the end of the semester.
* Meeting the weekend of April 20th.
* One other graduate school has expressed interest in getting involved and they hope to do more outreach to graduate student groups in the future.
* Anne recommended that we watch what this parliament does in the future and try to attend meetings, but it does not have to be first priority.

Vision Statement

* Discussion began with a reading of the Mission Statement from STHSA by-laws and a vision statement developed two years ago by a group of students.
* Formula for vision statement as proposed by Soren: state name, who we are and what we do, and what we will do.
* Brainstorm:
  + Name: STHSA
  + Who we are: theological student, diverse body (elected and non elected members),
  + We are a community that values equality, love, justice, safety, rights, responsibility, respect, listening, discerning, laughter, cooperation, collaboration, formation, inclusion, participatory democracy.
  + What we do: organize, fund, foster community, approve finances, foster vibrant community, advocate for student needs with the administration, enable leadership, empower, dialogue with/ liaison with administration, organize events and celebrations, organizing body, unifying body, listen to voices from the community,
  + What we will do: communicate to first year students about who STHSA is and what they do, further distinctiveness of STH equip with leadership skills, create safe space for students to have their voice heard,
* Motion that Allison email the notes from the brainstorm session so that those present may look at the notes and think about the formation of the vision statement. The topic will be readdressed after Spring Break. Vote: 9-0-0.

Auditing of student groups

* Motion that Molly send an email to student groups about the audit the week before Spring Break and will negotiate the process with them. Vote: 8-0-1.

Motion to adjourn. Vote: 9-0-0.