

Aquinas Scholars
Student Board Retreat
2/7/2015
Meeting Minutes

9:00 am Mid Year Goals Review

- Increase recruitment numbers
- We need to update our Facebook page and see who has authority over editing the group.
- We are going to revive our Twitter account.
- As a way to connect with our alumni, we could set up a dinner with them.
- We could also set up special tours for students interested in the Honors Program (Olga will talk to Tommie ambassadors about this).
- What incentives do we have for joining the Honors Program? Maybe a book stipend?
- Potentially we could increase our new scholar reps to 5-10 people on a committee to increase their presence and involvement with new freshmen in the Honors Program.
- We are going to have a booth at the spring activities fair to recruit and increase our presence.

- Increase clarity in position transitions and role definitions
- Make sure our roles are clear.
- If we do our elections earlier we can train in the new people earlier and have a smoother transition process the next year.
- Also, if we tell our freshmen in March (a few weeks before our scheduled election) that we are doing an election for next year they have more time to think on it.
- We plan to have board elections on February 17th and then that new executive board will work on recruiting

- Make progress in early enrollment initiative

9:30 am Points System Discussion

- Ways to improve system
- Alternative ways to get better event attendance
- Could we focus on one or two big events a month?
- We could set consistent timing for events like a certain weekend every month.
- We revised the point system. An email will be sent out to scholars about it. Generally, on campus events will be one point and off campus events will be two points.

10:30 am Position Planning Breakout

- Plan Semester Events and Submit to Maddie/ Carmen
- Work on Transition Binders

-Events:

Social events:

2/26: Lounge Activity
3/? : Melting pot
4/? : Retreat
5/? : Finals feed and ice cream social

Service events:

2/18: Loaves and Fishes
2/28: Habitat for Humanity
3/5: Nursing home
3/18 or 4/8: Dorothy Day
4/12: Community cleanup
4/22: Second Harvest
Late April or early May: Sharing and Caring hands

Academic events:

PWP 1 per month
3/16: Midterm Oasis
5/18: Finals Oasis

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| 11:30 am | Lunch! Walk to Davanni's |
| 1:00 pm | Recruitment Brainstorming/ Any other Topics of Discussion |
| 1:30 pm | Wrap Up |
| 2:00 pm | Conclusion |