

Cannon Valley Elder Collegium

Board Minutes, February 20, 2013

The Board of Directors of CVEC met at the Northfield Senior Center on February 20, 2013. A quorum being present, Board Chair ReJean Schulte called the meeting to order at 3:47 P.M.

1. An agenda having been circulated to the members of the Board prior to the meeting, ReJean asked the Board to approve the agenda, with minor amendments. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the agenda was approved unanimously with such amendments.
2. ReJean next asked that the minutes of the January, 2013 meeting of the Board be approved in the form sent to the Board prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the Minutes in the form circulated was duly made, seconded and approved unanimously.
3. ReJean reported that new staff have been identified who will replace Ed Lufkin, Jim McDonnell and Dave Halsor. Rich Noer, who regularly participates as a faculty member and student and who is currently a member of the Board, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, will replace Ed as Executive Director. Ed will continue to serve CVEC, concentrating on public relations functions. Ed Langerak, who has recently retired from St. Olaf, has agreed to replace Jim as Curriculum Director. Ed expressed excitement about his new job, but noted that he has not previously been involved with CVEC except as a student, and thus has a lot to learn. Dale Sommers will replace Dave as Operations Director. Dale has taken a number of CVEC courses and is committed to the mission of CVEC. He is particularly well qualified to succeed Dave in that he is familiar with the software that Dave has been using. The precise dates for the changeovers have not been determined, but all will aim for July, 2013.
4. Executive Director Ed Lufkin reported that the distribution of the Spring Newsletter was delayed by about 10 days due to problems with the Postal Service. However, registration for spring courses is on schedule. Besides the Newsletter, an email "blast" went out to the mailing list and a poster was prepared, of which some 50 copies have been distributed around Northfield.

5. Operations Director Dave Halsor reported that 134 registrations were received on the first day, and that as of the date of the meeting, 140 registrations had been received for spring courses. The courses have been filling evenly, and Dave expected that registrations would eventually be quite strong. If pressed, and if all classes filled or over-filled as approved by faculty, as many as 207 students could be registered
6. Curriculum Director Jim McDonnell reported that he had no news and that's good news. He is hopeful that spring courses will fill and that reviews will be favorable. He was not ready to discuss the fall schedule, on which he had been working. In connection with the expected transition of his staff position, Jim said he will be sending out a mass mailing to past and potential faculty. He asked Board members to email names of prospects and possible course offerings to him.
7. Jon Rondestvedt reported that St. John's is available for the annual meeting of the members on May 5th, and asked the Board whether he should reserve the meeting rooms. The Board authorized him to do so, and he said he would reserve the rooms from 1 to 4 that afternoon. Jon will also order pies (which he enjoys doing because it gives him an excuse to make his once-a-year trip to Faribault) and take care of set-up and clean-up before and after the meeting. The rest, including agenda and publicity, will be done by others, whose identities remain to be determined.
8. Eric Nelson reported that the summer film festival was "all set." Eric, Rich Noer and Jim McDonnell will be involved in refining the offerings and coordinating with Carleton College. The films will be by Alfred Hitchcock. The presenters have all been identified and have agreed to serve. The festival will take place the second through fifth weeks of July, with films showing at the Weitz Center on Tuesday evenings and follow-up classes the following Wednesdays. As in 2012, the direct costs of the festival will be split 50:50 with Carleton, and the cost per student for the follow-up classes will be \$25.
9. Bruce Roberts reported that the next "Idea Harvest" would be at the Senior Center on Tuesday, February 26th. About 40 people are expected to attend. Bruce hopes to reach seniors who have not typically been involved with CVEC. Two mini-courses will be offered, featuring

Marie Gery and Jerry Mohrig and, as before, there will be a “door prize,” one free enrollment.

10. Jim McDonnell said that CVEC is co-sponsoring (with the Senior Center) a series of four sessions called “Conversations that Matter.” This will deal with end-of-life issues. It will be held at the Senior Center, and the cost to participants will be \$20 for the series of four sessions. So far, CVEC has publicized this only through its website. Jim suggested that faculty recommend the series to their classes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and without discussion, the meeting was adjourned at the unprecedentedly early hour of 4:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Michael H. Harper, Jr.
Secretary