

CVEC Annual Membership Meeting  
Northfield Retirement Community Chapel  
May 12, 2004 2:00 P.M.

- I. Jerry Hankins, CVEC Director, opened the meeting by welcoming the 60 members who braved the heavy rain to attend. Special recognition of board members and CVEC faculty followed.
- II. Jane Cunningham of the Minnesota Humanities Commission was scheduled to be the next speaker but was unable to attend because they were in meetings with our state legislators regarding about \$450,000 of funding for the commission. Jane phoned her regrets prior to our meeting and requested that our members contact their state representative Tom Neville voicing our support.
- III. Entertainment was provided by professors George Soule and Robert Will who recited two poems from the early 1900's set in Alaska by Robert Service whose great-great-great grand daughter attended Carleton College.
- IV. The business meeting opened with praises from our two Directors for the CVEC membership's financial support in the wake of the uncertainty of our funding from the Minnesota Humanities Commission. Director Liz Hankins outlined our schedule of courses for next years three terms.

Administrative assistant, Teresa Ballentine summarized the past year's class attendance.

Board Chair, Bill Woehrlin, reviewed CVEC's 2003-2004 income and expenses and \$10,979 of contributions. He pointed out that we reached our goal by ending the year with a financial reserve of \$42,089 meeting the generally accepted guideline for non-profit organizations of a reserve equal to twice their annual expenses. (This year CVEC's expenses totaled \$20,373.)

Next the chair of the Nominating Committee, Bob Ballentine, announced that this Spring two members of the board will be retiring, Peggy Prowe and Bob Ballentine. The Nominating Committee (Bob plus Charlene Lucken and Ray Eng) presented to the membership two candidates for board membership, Mary Ann Eng and Bill Child. The meeting was then opened for nominations from the floor. Richard Cantwell was nominated. He declined the nomination stating that this in no way reflected on his strong support and interest in CVEC. A motion was made that the membership elect Mary Ann Eng and Bill Child to serve a two year term as board members. Motion carried.

Bill Woehrlin moved that a new Nominating Committee be elected made up of Charlene Lucken, Dick Cantwell, and Bill Child. Motion accepted and carried.

At CVEC's most recent (March 31st) Board meeting a Search Committee was formed to find two Directors because Jerry and Liz asked to retire from these responsibilities. Bill Woehrlin agreed to chair the committee. Vern Faillettaz, Peggy Prowe, Ron Ronning, and George Soule all volunteered to serve as Search Committee members. Bill announced the committee has received a favorable response from both Barb Dettle and Bill Carlson. Over the next few months they will be working with Jerry and Liz for a smooth transition.

When the membership was asked if there was any other business the topic of class registration procedures was raised. About three people voiced a strong preference for returning to the "lottery system" that had been used in recent years. This year a first-come, first-served plan was followed. After much discussion a straw vote by show of hands was taken. About 28 favored first-come, and 24 "lottery", and at least 8 didn't have any preference.

There being no other business the 2004 Annual Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bob Ballentine (Secretary)