

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual

### Cannon Valley Elder Collegium Spring Meeting

St. John's Hall, May 6, 2012

After a brief pre-meeting get-together, Board Chair ReJean Schulte called the annual meeting of members to order at 2:10 P.M. ReJean reminded attendees that the mission of CVEC is life-long learning.

Each place was set with an agenda, a set of course descriptions for the fall, 2012 trimester, and an additional course description for the "Icons" course. Also, one copy of the minutes of the 2011 annual meeting was placed at each table. ReJean suggested that the minutes of the 2011 meeting should be approved without being read aloud, and it was so moved, seconded and unanimously voted.

Bill Carlson briefly presented information about the annual Shakespeare trip, scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup>. Between 25 and 30 had already signed up.

Jim Holden reported for the nominating committee. A slate of new directors – Dick Crouther, Mary Emory and Gary Wicks – was placed in nomination and unanimously elected to serve for three year terms from the date of the annual meeting. Jim also noted that ReJean Schulte, Gerry Mohrig, Rich Noer and Mike Harper have been nominated and agreed to serve for the following year as Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Later in the meeting, this slate of officers was unanimously approved by the membership.

Executive Director Ed Lufkin next spoke in praise of retiring Board members Katherine Collman, Judy Cedarburg and Susan Roosenraad (who has also served a Board Vice-Chair). Following a round of applause, Ed asked the membership to recognize instructors who have taught more than five courses over the last 10 years – Hartley Clark and Bob Flaten – and over the last five years – Randolph Cox, Richard Collman, Marie Gery, Barbara Evans, Jane McDonnell, Jim McDonnell, Bruce Roberts and Vern Failletaz.

Finance Director Barb Jenkins drew the members' attention to the summary financial information printed on the back of the meeting agenda, which she said "speaks for itself."

Operations Director Dave Halsor reported that record numbers of members have signed up for CVEC courses during the 2011 -2012 academic year, with new records being set not only for the year as a whole, but also for the winter and spring trimesters.

ReJean introduced St. Olaf senior Erin Fox, and during a question and answer session, Erin shared her perspectives about education, travel and life-long learning. Erin then sang an inspirational song, "How Can I Keep From Singing."

Curriculum Director Jim McDonnell briefly described "flexible" offerings planned by CVEC, including a four-film series to be presented at the Carleton College Weitz Center in July, each film to be shown on a Tuesday evening, followed by a discussion the next day. Also, Sally LeGrande will lecture

and lead a tour of the Weisman museum of the University of Minnesota. Jim also noted that members may be interested to attend Aeschylus' Oresteia and an accompanying lecture by Ruth Weiner. Finally, Jim asked that instructors who are going to teach next fall trimester describe the "passion" behind their courses. Hartley Clark, Marie Gery, Diane Hagen, Mary Caroline Henry, Keith Holmstad, Steve Kelly, David Norman and Elizabeth Olson were present at the meeting and gave brief presentations.

ReJean then asked the assembled member to thank Jon Rondestadt and the other helpers who had made the annual meeting a success. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted

Mike Harper, Secretary