

**Cannon Valley Elder Collegium
Board Minutes, November 19, 2014**

The Board of Directors of CVEC met at the Northfield Senior Center on November 19, 2014. A quorum being present, Board Chair Jerry Mohrig called the meeting to order at 3:45 P.M.

1. Jerry asked the Board to approve the agenda that had been circulated to the members of the Board prior to the meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the agenda was approved unanimously.
2. Jerry next asked that the minutes of the October 13, 2014 meeting of the Board be approved in the form circulated prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes in the form circulated was duly made, seconded and approved unanimously.
3. ReJean Schulte circulated a paper, asking members of the Board to indicate whether they would be attending the Christmas party to be held again at the Schulte residence, on December 7, 2014.
4. Executive Director Rich Noer discussed the recent updating of the CVEC website. Rich had worked with Ed Lufkin to make the website more accessible, i.e. easier to use. The most important changes were intended to ease “navigation” around the website. The archival portion of the website continues to have a wealth of information, especially Board minutes going back almost to the founding of CVEC. After Rich’s brief presentation, a number of members of the Board thanked Rich and Ed for a job well done.
5. Rich then reported that none of the Money Magazine, Star Tribune, or Northfield News stories about Northfield’s being named the best town in America to which to retire mentioned CVEC. This, he said, was a grievous error. The Board considered the possibility of protesting the omission, at least to the Northfield News, but after a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Northfield News generally does a good job of covering CVEC offerings and events; thus, protesting this omission would not be helpful.
6. Rich gave the Operations Director’s report because Dale Sommers needed to be absent. Before the Board meeting, Dale had emailed the

fall enrollment report, which was accepted without discussion. Dale also reported that about half of the evaluations received from fall students were via email. It is not clear how this affected Dale's workload, or whether more or more useful evaluations were received as a result of CVEC's giving students the email option.

7. Rich further commented on winter term 2015 enrollments. At the end of the first day of the enrollment period, 206 enrollments had been received, of which 178 were successful and 28 had to be turned away because the classes for which they applied were full. As of the end of the second day of the enrollment period, 199 successful enrollments had been received and five classes were full. In Winter 2014 the final enrollment figure was 239; it is not clear whether that number will be matched in 2015. Regarding the Carleton/St. Olaf art gallery course, which is strictly limited in numbers, 7 of the 9 people who had been refused in 2014 applied again and, in accordance with the Board's direction, all 7 were admitted for 2015. One person has been turned away from the gallery course for 2015.
8. The revised summary of Board and Committee Members that was circulated by email is now accurate and up to date, due to Dale's hard work. Barb Jenkins mentioned that Dale had also been instrumental in improving the CVEC data base. The Board unanimously agreed that Dale's work on these and other projects has been praiseworthy, and should be recognized as such.
9. Curriculum Director Ed Langerak said that he attended the winter course previews at the Senior Center, and that he saw "mostly familiar faces." He thinks that the previews are not reaching as many prospective first-time students as he had hoped. Ed had circulated a preliminary list of spring 2015 courses for the Board's information. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Board would give its formal approval at the January meeting, when course descriptions will have been completed and circulated.
10. Finance Director Barb Jenkins discussed the fall term financial operations report and the report of fund balances circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. A brief discussion followed about how CVEC's funds are invested, and the role of Carlson Capital Management in

making investment decisions. Jerry Mohrig said he would arrange a meeting with Carlson and report back to the Board.

11. Jerry Mohrig led a brief discussion of the retreat, which followed the abbreviated October Board meeting. Jerry and ReJean had circulated a document, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes, to the Board in advance of the Board meeting. A brief discussion followed. Jerry said that a major take-away from the retreat was that CVEC needs to recruit more new, good teachers in order to keep up the quality and number of course offerings. Several Board members agreed that this was of central importance, and various ideas relating to faculty development were discussed. Jerry also mentioned the suggestion that CVEC ought to consider holding occasional classes in Faribault; after a brief discussion, the Board informally agreed that further discussions with interested residents of Faribault ought to be held to see if this suggestion can be successfully implemented.
12. Anne Aby, who had attended a meeting of organizers, talked about Northfield Reads. The next session, scheduled for a Sunday in mid-March, will feature *Enrique's Journey*, a story of an immigrant's experiences. Anne circulated some materials about Northfield Reads. Time considerations precluded a discussion of CVEC's possible role in Northfield Reads.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael H. Harper, Jr., Secretary