

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual

### Cannon Valley Elder Collegium Spring Meeting

St. John's Hall, May 3, 2015

This year, the annual meeting of members was preceded by a half-hour social time, a time to greet old and new friends. After the social time, Board Chair Jerry Mohrig welcomed the 70 attending members and called the annual meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

Upon being seated, each member received a handout containing the meeting agenda, a brief introduction of the two persons nominated to serve for the first time as Board members, a list of films and instructors scheduled for the 2015 film festival, a list of titles and instructors for the fall 2015 courses, and a Financial Report. A copy of the handout is attached to these minutes.

Jerry said that it makes more sense for the Elder Collegium Board to approve the Annual Meeting minutes shortly after the meeting, rather than waiting a full year to do so. The minutes of the 2014 and 2015 annual meetings of members will be submitted for approval at the May 2015 meeting of the Board, and each future year's minutes will be submitted for approval at the Board meeting following each annual meeting. Upon being approved, the minutes of each year's annual meeting will be posted on the CVEC website. He praised the work of this year's Board and announced that the Board has authorized a three-year program of Elder Collegium courses in Faribault; one course, open to all CVEC students, will be offered each term next year under this initiative.

Jerry then turned the meeting over to Executive Director Rich Noer, who talked briefly and enthusiastically about the state of the Collegium. Rich said that the Collegium's course offerings have increased from just four in the inaugural term, with 47 students registered, to the current offerings of twelve or more courses, with more than 200 registrations per term. He noted that the cost of an 8-week course has remained at \$50 throughout.

Next, Jerry introduced CVEC's Operations and Curriculum Directors and its Treasurer, and asked each to report. Curriculum Director Ed Langerak briefly summarized this summer's film festival and discussed the fall 2015 course offerings and reminded the members that their suggestions as to potential instructors are always welcome. Operations Director Dale Sommers discussed some changes in registration procedures implemented during the past year, summarizing the problem of over-enrollment and some steps taken to minimize that problem. Treasurer Peg Morrison reported on CVEC's financial position, referring to the financial report in the handout. She explained that CVEC continues to operate "in the black," and that the reduction of total monetary assets over the past year was caused by the investment in new technology at CVEC's classroom at Village on the Cannon.

Rich asked the membership to recognize three instructors who have taught five courses – Bob Scholz, Jon Rondestvedt and Jerry Mohrig. Each of the three received a certificate of appreciation. Then Rich spoke in praise of retiring Board members Gary Wicks and Dick Crouter.

Following applause for the instructors and retiring Board members, Jim Holden reported for the nominating committee. The slates of new Board members, extending Board members, Board officers and Nominating Committee members – each as set forth in the meeting handout – were unanimously approved by vote of the members in attendance.

The featured speaker for the annual meeting was Jim McDonnell, a frequent and popular CVEC instructor and former Curriculum Director. His speech was called “You’d Better Keep That Fella in School.” Speaking lovingly of his grandmother in Ireland, Jim explained the life-altering importance in his own case of “staying in school.” Jim’s moving memoir received sustained applause.

From the floor, Ed Langerak clarified that credit for the summer film festival he mentioned earlier should be given to its creator and chief sustainer, Eric Nelson.

Finally, Jerry asked the assembled members to thank Jon Rondestvedt and the members of the Board who had helped make the annual meeting a success. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Harper, Secretary

# *Cannon Valley Elder Collegium* *18th Annual Membership Meeting*

*Sunday, May 3rd, St. John's Lutheran Church, 2:00-3:30 p.m.*

**2:00-2:30 Social Time, to greet old and new friends**

**2:30-3:30 Meeting Time**

**Welcome** – Jerry Mohrig, Board Chair

**State of the Collegium** – Rich Noer, Executive Director

**Reports:** *Finance:* Peg Morrison, Treasurer

*Operations:* Dale Sommers, Operations Director

*Fall Courses:* Ed Langerak, Curriculum Director

**Recognitions**

**5-yr Faculty:** Bob Scholz    Jon Rondestvedt    Jerry Mohrig

**Retiring Board Members:** Gary Wicks    Dick Crouter

**Nominating Committee Report & Election** – Jim Holden, Committee Chair

***New Board Members (3 yr)***

1. JoEllen Schulz

2. Dan Van Tassel

***Extending Board Members***

1. Anne Aby (2 yr)

2. Peg Morrison (2 yr)

3. Mary Emery (3 yr)

4. Mike Harper (3 yr)

***Board Officers (1 yr)***

Chair: Jerry Mohrig

Vice-Chair: ReJean Schulte

Treasurer: Peg Morrison

Secretary: Mike Harper

***Nominating Committee (1 yr)***

1. Elizabeth Larson    3. Pat Rice

2. Perry Mason        4. Phil Eaves

**Featured Speaker** – Jim McDonnell, frequent instructor and past Curriculum Director

“You’d Better Keep That Fella In School”

**Closing Remarks** – Jerry Mohrig

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## **Introduction to new Board candidates:**

**JoEllen Schulz** is a 35-year resident of Faribault, a mother of six and grandmother to five. A graduate of UW Platteville, she taught elementary education for several years and then worked in the IT departments at Carleton and Gustavus. She is currently on the board of directors for the Faribault Senior Center.

**Dan Van Tassel** graduated from St. Olaf, and earned graduate degrees in literature from the U. of Iowa. He then taught English at Concordia College, Chapman University, Pacific Lutheran, Muskingum College (where he also served as academic dean), and California State U. in San Marcos. He and his wife Rhoda recently moved to Northfield after a decade in California.

## Summer Film Festival and Course: Hollywood of the '50s

*Free showings on Tuesday evenings, class discussions on Wednesday mornings*

*Class registration forms available in early June*

July 7-8, Comedy: "The Girl Can't Help It" (1956) – Jay Beck

July 14-15, Musical: "Singin' in the Rain" (1952) – Eric Nelson

July 21-22, Melodrama: "All That Heaven Allows" (1955) – Carol Donelan

July 28-29, Western: "The Searchers" (1956) – Mike Kowalewski

## Fall Term 2015 Courses

(Subject to change or confirmation; for final listing and descriptions, see cvec.org in early August.)

*Hartley Clark: The Islamic Civil War: Sunni vs. Shiite*

*Jeff Jarvis: Historic Mills of the Cannon Valley (4 weeks in Faribault)*

*Kate Douglas: Drawing: The Key to Visual Creative Impulse*

*Almut Furchert: True Encounters: A Journey into Martin Buber's Dialogic Thinking*

*Marie Gery: Dorothy Parker and James Thurber*

*Mike Harper and John Hanson: A Brief History of Powered Flight*

*Mike Leming: Thai Culture and Society*

*Elizabeth Olson: Playing an Ancient Instrument (Recorder)*

*Bruce Roberts: Who Are We Becoming?: Identity, Change and Gratitude Expressed*

*Bill Woehrlin: Putin's Russia*

*Emily Urness: Techniques of Memoir Writing*

*Jerry Mohrig: The History and Chemistry of Cooking*

## CVEC FINANCIAL REPORT 2015 Annual Meeting

	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Tuition	30,165	31,360
Gifts	7,532	10,890
Other	18	32
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>37,715</b>	<b>42,282</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Instruction	22,276	27,021
Administration	11,294	10,388
Publicity	3,504	4,240
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>37,074</b>	<b>41,649</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>633</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	(as of 4/25/14)	(as of 4/26/15)
Checking, Savings, Schwab (includes unrealized gains)	<b>104,615</b>	<b>89,122</b>

Barbara Jenkins, Financial Director