

**Cannon Valley Elder Collegium
Board Minutes, May 20, 2015**

The Board of Directors of CVEC met at the Northfield Senior Center on May 20, 2015. Board members Anne Aby, Jerry Mohrig, Peg Morrison, Randy Cox, Joan Drenth, Phil Eaves, Mary Emery, Jean Haslett, ReJean Schulte, Judy Mason, Eric Nelson, Dale Talley and Michael Harper were present. A quorum being present, Board Chair Jerry Mohrig called the meeting to order at 3:45 P.M.

1. The meeting agenda had been circulated to the members of the Board prior to the meeting. Jerry asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. There were no suggestions for additions or changes.
2. Jerry next asked that the minutes of the April 15, 2015 meeting of the Board be approved in the form circulated by email prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the Board minutes in the form circulated was duly made, seconded and approved unanimously.
3. Jerry reminded the Board that, as announced at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Members, minutes of Annual Meetings of Members will henceforth be approved by the Board at the next Board meeting following each Annual Meeting. Accordingly, minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting were not approved at the 2015 Annual Meeting, and the Board was called upon to approve minutes of both the 2014 Annual Meeting (which had been posted on the CVEC website) and 2015 Annual Meeting (which had been circulated to the members of the Board prior to the meeting). A motion to approve the 2014 and 2015 Annual Meeting minutes was duly made, seconded and approved unanimously.
4. Next, Jerry introduced newly elected member of the Board JoEllen Schulz, whose term will commence June 1, and members of the Board introduced themselves to JoEllen. Jerry thanked retiring members Dick Crouter and Gary Wicks for their service on the Board. Both Dick and Gary were out of town, so Jerry read brief notes he had received from each of them on the occasion of their retirement.
5. Jerry reported that the Lynne Pederson, Director of the Senior Center, has informed him that she had told Money Magazine about CVEC in

response to its questions concerning the preparation of its latest ranking of towns as retirement destinations.

6. Jerry said that he will assign members of the Board to committees over the summer, with assignments to be finalized at the September meeting of the Board. Members who are currently assigned to committees will remain members of those committees unless they contact Jerry to ask for a change. Jerry will assign the two newly elected members of the Board after discussion with them.
7. Executive Director Rich Noer reported that plans for the courses to be held in Faribault are firming up. The first course, to be taught by Jeff Davis, is titled “Historic Mills of the Cannon Valley.” It will be taught at the Faribault Senior Center and will be four weeks long. Rich briefly discussed arrangements that have been reached regarding publicity, registration, venue, students and the like. ReJean Schulte praised Diane Hagen and Bob Speckhals, who have been instrumental in planning for the Faribault launch.
8. Dale Sommers gave the Operations Director’s report. Evaluations of the spring courses went well. About 62% of students responded, two thirds of them using the on-line evaluation option. Five courses had 80% or more of their evaluations on line. Dale reported that Rich approved and Dale purchased four new adaptors, at a cost of \$158.
9. Ed Langerak gave the Curriculum Director’s report. He said that 14 sections of fall term classes have been approved by the Curriculum Committee, two of which are short courses. He has asked that extended course descriptions be provided by the end of June.
10. Finance Director Barb Jenkins discussed the “State of Minnesota Charitable Organization Annual Report” for 2014, which had been circulated to the members of the Board prior to the meeting. She explained that the Board’s approval is required. A motion to approve this annual report in the form circulated and authorizing its signature on behalf of CVEC was duly made, seconded and approved unanimously.
11. Ed Langerak reported that the Curriculum Committee has approved courses to be taught in Faribault next winter and spring. They will be

about authors J.R.R.Tolkien and C.S. Lewis, in the winter, and about Islam, in the spring.

12. Jerry thanked ReJean and her committee for the good work they did in connection with the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Members. ReJean, in turn, thanked the people whose efforts made the Annual Meeting a success. ReJean asked for feedback about the meeting, and a brief discussion followed. In general, Board members were enthusiastic about the half-hour social time that preceded the formal meeting. There was special praise for keynote speaker Jim McDonnell, whose speech will be posted on the CVEC website.
13. A discussion followed concerning whether CVEC ought to increase the number of its course offerings, in part in response to concerns that too many prospective students have to be turned away from the courses they choose. The consensus was that the Curriculum Committee ought to set an aspirational goal of 13 courses each term, versus the 12 that have been offered lately, but that this ought not to be accomplished at the expense of quality. Ed Langerak made clear that the identification and wooing of great teachers is essential, and often difficult.
14. Jerry ended the meeting by thanking the members of the Board for their hard and effective work over the past academic year. He said that the next Board meeting will be September 16, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael H. Harper, Jr., Secretary