

## **Cannon Valley Elder Collegium**

### **Board Minutes, 4/18/2012**

The Board of Directors of CVEC met at the Northfield Senior Center on April 18, 2012. A quorum being present, Board Chair ReJean Schulte called the meeting to order at 3:45 P.M.

1. An agenda having been circulated to the members of the Board prior to the meeting, Board Chair Schulte asked the Board to approve the agenda. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the agenda was approved unanimously and without discussion.

2. Board Chair Schulte next asked that the minutes of the March meeting of the Board be approved in the form circulated to the members of the Board prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously and without discussion.

3. Report by Executive Director: Ed mentioned the problem some board members have had in opening some .doc files in their intended form, and that attempts by all members to send documents as .rtf files have not been possible for all. Therefore in the foreseeable future we will attempt to send .pdf files wherever practical. This prevents the recipient from editing those files, but at least everyone seems to be able to open them in their intended format.

Ed also mentioned an uplifting quote by Winston Churchill, which might resonate with many of us: “We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”

4. Report by Operations Director: David Halsor gave us the final total for course registrations for the current spring term as 189, a new record; and for the academic year as 570, also a new record. He discussed the new CVEC calendar for 2012-2013, and Chair ReJean requested a change for the CVEC board meeting from Sept. 12 to Sept. 5, 2012, because of the planned absence of 3 board members on Sept. 12. David also recommended changing the mailing of evaluation reports from Feb. 18 (presidents day; PO closed) to Feb. 19. With these changes, the calendar was approved.

David also presented his view that the present policy for scholarships be changed. After discussion, a motion was made to

modify our present policy so that if a student applies for a scholarship, it should be understood that a scholarship could be granted without “means testing”, provided that no more than one class be taken in that term. The motion was approved unanimously.

David requested that all board members about to finish their terms turn in their notebook binders.

5. Report of Curriculum Committee: In the absence of Jim McDonnell, the report was given by Jerry Mohrig. This committee has developed an unusually strong schedule of 11 definite courses for the fall term, by 6 men and 5 women faculty, with a possibility of one more woman to be decided in July. In addition, we have two alternative courses planned: a film festival in July (see below) and a visit to the Weisman Art Museum under the leadership of Sally Legrand, who is a docent there. That visit is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 25, and is to be preceded by a classroom seminar by her on Sept. 24. Full details of all courses will be presented at the annual spring membership meeting on May 6.

Jerry presented an idea that we consider offering the services of the CVEC publicity committee in support of certain functions of both colleges in our city. Further discussion will be needed in the months ahead.

6. Report of the ad hoc committee for planning the annual spring membership meeting May 6: Jon Rondestvedt passed around a signup sheet for the several tasks planned. The agenda will be much as in the past, but a significant difference is that a St. Olaf student, Erin Fox, will be the featured speaker. Her topic will be “Lifelong Learning---A College Student’s Perspective.” Full publicity has been sent on Apr. 17: email, postcards, and website. Ed will contact all fall teachers regarding the importance of their attendance etc.

7. Report of the Film Festival Committee: Rich Noer described the plans for 4 films to be shown weekly on Tuesday nights at the Weitz Center, beginning July 10 at 7:30 PM, open to the community at no charge; and to be followed by a seminar the following morning at 9:30, by the film presenter, and open only to those who register for the series, for a fee of \$25.

8. Report of the Idea Harvest group: Bruce Roberts has identified a group of 10 people, including members of the Bethel Lutheran Church and our CVEC board, who will conduct the initial discussion of this initiative, probably in October.

9. A request was again presented by the Village on the Cannon, by its current board president, Bruce Roberts, to begin levying a charge for use of its meeting room. The rationale is that VOC residents are now charged for maintenance of this room. A motion was presented by Bruce that CVEC begin paying a fee of \$15 per classroom session. Thus the expected use rates, for about 10 courses per year, would be  $8 \times 15$  or \$120 per course,  $\times 10$ , or \$1200/year. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

10. Upon motion duly made and seconded and without discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward G. Lufkin

Exec. Dir., For Michael H. Harper, Jr., Secretary