

13th Annual
Cannon Valley Elder Collegium Spring Meeting
St. John's Hall
May 2, 2010

Refreshments, pie, ice cream and coffee, was served from 2:00 to 2:20. The meeting was opened at 2:20 by Jon Rondestvedt, Board Chair. He gave welcoming and opening comments and read a whimsical poem by A. A. Milne.

Executive Director Bill Carlson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He also thanked the students and the instructors. Once again, it was a very successful year with an increase in the number of classes and participants. Bill recognized the staff for the work that they do behind the scenes, and he thanked Ed Lufkin for his work in developing the web site and marketing efforts. Bill promoted the trip to the Winona Shakespeare Festival, July 2010, sponsored by the CVEC and the Northfield Senior Center.

Operations Director David Halsor reported that there are 176 registrations for the spring classes, The majority of participants were from Northfield but others came from Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, and Faribault. The audience was reminded that registration for the fall classes is due by August 13th. David takes all registrations as a group and chooses people randomly for classes. Confirmation cards are sent as soon as the class is full. David told the audience that email is his preferred method of communication.

Financial Director, Barb Jenkins, gave the financial report. She emphasized income from the Minnesota Humanities Grant, and the gifts. The net income was \$204.45. The total assets are down approximately \$4,000.

Publicity Director, Ed Lufkin, projected the website onto a projector screen and reviewed the features and use.

Nominations Committee Chair, Joan Kark, introduced the members of the nominating committee. Nominees for the CVEC Board include candidates for one, two, and three year terms. Jon Rondestvedt asked for nominations from the floor, hearing none, a vote was asked to approve the slate of candidates. The vote was affirmed by unanimous voice vote. No nominations were offered from the floor for the 2011 Nominations committee slate. A vote of affirmation was heard by a voice vote, with no opposition.

Jon recognized retiring Board members Lowell Johnson, and committee chair, Myron Solid. Also recognized were instructors having taught five or more classes, Dick Bodman, Marie Gery, Ruth Hansen, and Riki Kolbl Nelson. Jon offered remarks about retiring Executive Director, Bill Carlson. In appreciation and recognition, a gift and a certificate was presented to Bill, by Ed Lufkin.

Jon introduced the Ed Lufkin as the new CVEC Executive Director. Bill Carlson introduced the keynote speaker, Kyle Nordine, CEO Northfield Retirement Community. The topic is entitled, The Coming Tsunami of Senior Services. Kyle presented interesting facts and demographics for people in the 50 to 90 age group and the

changes and needs to expect between 2010 and 2050.

Curriculum Director, Jim McDonnell, thanked the CVEC staff with a special thank you to Bill Carlson. Jim introduced the faculty for the 2010 fall term. Faculty gave short introductory descriptions of their courses: Jim McDonnell, the Literature of Northern Ireland, 1966-1968; Marie Gery, In Translation – works of Isabel Allende; Hartley Clark, Insecurity and Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan; Walt Stromseth, The Vice Squad: Vanity, Anger, Envy, Greed, Lust; Robert Tisdale, Native American Literature; Gary Wagenbach, The Cannon River: A Watershed Perspective; Brynhild Rowberg, Northfield, History and More; Bob Scholz, Discovering Choral Masterworks II; Bruce Roberts, The Power of Stories to Change our Lives or Not; Jim Walker, Outstanding Shorter Works 19th Century Russian Literature; Elizabeth Olson – Beginning Music Reading; Judy Cederberg, Patterns and Symmetry

In closing, Jon thanked everyone for coming. The daisies on the tables were given to the person anyone whose birthday is closest to 8-15. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.