

Cannon Valley Elder Collegium

Board Minutes, April 17, 2013

The Board of Directors of CVEC met at the Northfield Senior Center on April 17, 2013. A quorum being present, Board Chair ReJean Schulte called the meeting to order at 3:47 P.M.

1. An agenda having been circulated to the members of the Board prior to the meeting, ReJean asked the Board to approve the agenda, with the addition of an item relating to “Idea Harvest.” Upon motion duly made and seconded, the agenda was approved unanimously with such addition.
2. ReJean next asked that the minutes of the March 20, 2013 meeting of the Board be approved in the form sent to the Board prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the Minutes in the form circulated was duly made, seconded and approved unanimously.
3. Executive Director Ed Lufkin reported that the “best news of the year” was that total registrations for the 2012 – 2013 academic year set a new record.
4. Operations Director Dave Halsor reported that, even though one instructor was forced to cancel his course, 186 registrations had been received for spring courses. Registrants were 61 men and 125 women. Total registrations for the full academic year were therefore 588, as compared to 571 for the preceding academic year. Dave discussed the process he uses when registrations for a class exceed 15; he always checks with the instructor before increasing the number to more than 15.
5. ReJean thanked the Curriculum Committee for the hard work that made this year’s record registrations possible.
6. Curriculum Director Jim McDonnell reported on a meeting of the Curriculum Committee held on April 16th. The line-up for Fall, 2013 is set. Nine courses are set for the winter trimester, with two more possibilities. Nine spring courses are “pretty definite.” Jim said that the Curriculum Committee needs to have a discussion about how to deal

with potential instructors whose courses have “limited appeal.” Jim then discussed a fall course to be offered by Barbara Evans regarding Frank Lloyd Wright. This is to be a four-session course, with the last session being a trip to Mason City, Iowa, to see Wright-designed homes there. Jim said that he thought it essential to coordinate this offering with the Senior Center. He asked about financial aspects of this unusual offering. After some discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously voted that (1) the course proposal is approved as a “flexible offering,” (2) Ms. Evans is to be paid \$500, the usual instructor’s honorarium, and (3) the Curriculum Committee need not obtain any further Board approval for expenditures of up to \$2,500 in connection with this course.

7. After a brief discussion, amendments to the By-laws in the form discussed at the March 20th meeting (permitting, but not requiring, the election to the Board of Directors of paid staff members) were moved, seconded and unanimously approved. The current correct text of the revised sections is attached to these minutes as an exhibit.
8. Proposed changes to Article 5, Section 9 of the By-laws had been circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. A copy of the provision, in the form circulated, is attached to these minutes as an exhibit. It was agreed that final action on this proposed change should take place at the May, 2013 meeting of the Board.
9. The date of the annual meeting of the membership had previously been set for May 5th, at 2:00. ReJean, Ed, Jon Rondestvedt and other volunteers are working on the program. The annual meeting is the occasion for the election of members of the Board, and Jim Holden reported that the Nominating Committee will present a slate of six to serve three-year terms. The nominees will be new members Jean Haslett, Phyllis Borchert, Eric Nelson and Ed Lufkin and returnees Jerry Mohrig and ReJean Schulte. In addition, Jim McDonnell will continue for a year, at least, as a member of the Curriculum Committee
10. Bruce Roberts reported on the “Idea Harvest” held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, February 26th. Bruce had circulated a report to the members of the Board before the meeting, a report which he termed “disappointing.” Several members of the Board disagreed with that assessment. In particular, Jim McDonnell stated that several of the

conclusions reached in the circulated report will be important in informing the Curriculum Committee's decisions about future course offerings.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and without discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Michael H. Harper, Jr.
Secretary