

12th Annual Cannon Valley Elder Collegium Membership Meeting
St. John's Hall
2:00 PM May 3rd, 2009
Minutes

Board Chair Jon Rondestvedt opened the meeting at 2:15 Jon welcomed the attendees. He offered two poems, A Little Madness in the Spring, and Daffodils, in celebration of coming together for the Annual Meeting.

Jon recognized retiring Board Member Joan Kark for her many years of service as a Board member and for her on-going contributions. Applause was given as a thank you for Joan. Also, the CVEC Affiliates: Northfield Senior Center; Northfield Retirement Community; Village on the Cannon; Three Links; Millstream Commons; Kildahl Park Pointe were recognized as hosting sites and the support that they each give to the CVEC.

Bill Carlson introduced Hartley Clark, Professor Emeritus of International Relations, Carleton College, as the Keynote speaker. His presentation was entitled "Green Energy, Machismo and Cars". The speech was an overview of the history of the automobile industry ~~history~~, interesting and humorous anecdotes, the thinking and plans for efficient, electric cars in the industry future, and the effect that the industry has had on the environment; anticipated changes because of the introduction of electric cars and not being dependent on supply of oil from other countries. A conclusion is that there must be new solutions to the present industry standards.

The CVEC Annual Business Meeting

Updates were given by Bill Carlson, Director, David Halsor, Operations Director, Barb Jenkins, Financial Director, and Ed Lukin, Publicity Chair. Ed Lufkin gave a short presentation and a display of the features of the new web site design. "Or, How I Got Caught in a Web and Found True Enlightenment" using a new design called, Word Place. Features include a calendar with class descriptions, class schedules, archives of past courses, and pictures of instructors and course activities. The video of the Annual Meeting speaker presentation will be placed on the web for viewing.

Myron Solid, Curriculum Director, reminded the audience that the Fall 2009 Course Schedule and Descriptions are listed on the web site and on the back of the Meeting agenda. Instructors gave a brief overview of the fall classes: Jim McDonnell, "Waking from the Nightmare: Irish Literature from 1900 to 1969"; Hartley Clark, "The myth of Free Enterprise and the World Economic Crisis"; Linda Seebach, "Paper vs. Pixels: Can Newspapers Survive in a Web-based World?"; Myron Solid gave a description of the course, "HOMESPUN", to be taught by Marie Gery; Jon Rondestvedt, "The Gothic Cathedral: Urban Jewel"; James Walker, "Outstanding Shorter Works of 20th- Century Russian Literature"; Bruce Roberts, "The Psychology of Life After Retirement: Keeping our Balance During Times of Great Change"; Ian Barbour, "Science and Religion & Ethics – Lecture Course"; Joseph Mbele, "The African Experience"; Bob Scholz,

"Discovering Choral Masterworks"; Richard Bodman, "China, Inside Out"; Myron gave a description of the course by instructor, Jim Dimick, "Then and Now: The Evolution of Competitive Athletics in America".

Bill Carlson, CVEC Director, gave an overview of the CVEC as a successful educational organization, noting the interesting courses that are offered, the record attendance, and as an attraction to the Northfield community. Registration for fall courses will begin August 19, 2009. Improving communication regarding registrations is being worked on as there were problems with the Spring mailings. Course information is offered on the web site, and the descriptions will be sent out in a timely manner before registration begins. CVEC is financially strong; have received grants in the past, but will not be applying this next year, but will be conducting the Fund Drive asking for contributions. Offered again this year in July, is a bus trip to the Great River Shakespeare Festival in Winona. On May 18th, the Northfield Senior Center and CVEC is offering a jointly sponsored noon medieval potluck lunch with the program presented by Doug Scholtz-Carlson.

David Halsor, Operations Director, reported that there were 107 Spring registrations and 152 students; the Fall -Winter session had 534 registrations, 31 courses, and 36 classes; David asked that attendees provide corrections to the mailing information and email addresses.

Barbara Jenkiins, Financial director reported that there is a \$9500 loss this year due to economy. She deferred to the information that Bill Carlson presented earlier.

Jon Rondestvedt, as required by the By-laws, opened the election of Board Members & Nominating Committee. The nominations for the 2009-2010 CVEC Board include returning Board members, Judy Cederberg, Carroll Flaten, Ed Lufkin, and new member, Susan Resenraad. No nominations were offered from the floor and the nominations were closed. The slate was approved by a two-thirds majority voice vote.

Nominations for the 2010 Nominating Committee include Board Member, Jon Rondestvedt, At-large Members, Joan Kark, Elizabeth Larson, and Molly Woehrlin. No other individuals were nominated. Members were approved by two thirds majority voice vote.

Jon Rondestvedt, thanked Alene Fink and the committee for planning and arranging the Annual Meeting. The members of the curriculum, nominating, publicity, and finance Committees were recognized and thanked. Carroll Flaten was recognized and thanked for making the table decorations. Also, noted, Myron Solid is looking for new members for the Curriculum Committee and anyone interested should see or contact Myron.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58pm.