

10th Annual CVEC Membership Meeting

Northfield Retirement Community Chapel

May 6th, 2007

2:00 PM

I. Welcome and recognitions: George Soule, Chairman of CVEC Board welcomed people in attendance. He then introduced members of the current board.

A new position, Curriculum Director has been created by the board, and Soule introduced Myron Solid, Curriculum Director Designate. (Solid will be officially appointed at the next meeting of CVEC Board.)

Soule then recognized Bill Woehrlin who has taught 10 CVEC courses and Robert Flaten who has taught five courses.

II. Celebration of CVEC 10th birthday: Teresa Ballentine introduced Ron Ronning, founder and first director of CVEC. Ronning's talk, entitled "The Birth of CVEC" recounted the beginnings of CVEC which were initiated by Ron and Betty Ronning, assisted by Michael Foote and many others, and supported by early funding from the Minnesota Humanities Commission and the City of Northfield. He expressed amazement at the instant success and notoriety of the program as well as appreciation for those who have taken up the reins in recent years.

III. Recognition: Vern Faillettaz, Vice chair, recognized George Soule for his many contributions, to CVEC (including teaching and presently serving as chair). He then introduced Soule who spoke on the topic "What CVEC Has Taught Me." Soule reported three main lessons: enjoying the pleasure of revisiting old literary works and becoming familiar with new ones; having long-standing friends of 20, 30, even 40 years as students; and finally, making contact and acquaintance with St. Olaf faculty (which he called "hands across the cannon") after all these many years.

IV. Course Schedule 2007-2008: Vern Faillettaz, reporting for the Curriculum Committee, announced the roster of courses for Fall 2007. Those instructors attending the meeting gave brief course descriptions. Faillettaz then announced the roster of Winter and Spring 2008 courses and the instructors.

V. CVEC Annual Meeting: George Soule called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

Reports: Soule reported on the CVEC financial condition and the 2006-07 enrollments.

Election: Soule presented on behalf of the Nominating Committee Chair, the slate of board candidates::

Returning: Joan Kark and Dick Cantwell

New: Judy Cederberg, Carroll Flaten, Ed Lufkin

Doug Kriesel is going off the board after serving 4 years, but will serve on the publicity committee.

The slate was approved by a unanimous vote.

Soule then presented the slate of candidates for Nominating Committee:

(All three returning): Bill Child, Shirlee Madow, Greta Smith

The slate was approved by a unanimous vote.

Adjournment: Soule called for a motion for adjournment which passed unanimously at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jane B. McWilliams, Secretary