

11th Annual Cannon Valley Elder Collegium Membership Meeting

Northfield Retirement Community Chapel

May 4, 2008, 2:00 p.m.

I. Welcome: Following a coffee and social time Vern Faillettaz, Chair of the CVEC Board, opened the membership meeting at 2:20 p.m. and thanked the over-flowing group for coming on such a beautiful day. It affirms the value of the Collegium in Northfield where the number of senior citizens is increasing, some by moving here and some by just getting older.

Faillettaz acknowledged the importance of the retired faculty we have in our community that makes it possible for the Collegium to offer the wonderful courses we do. He then recognized and presented letters to Hartley Clark and Donald Norris, each who have taught five courses for CVEC and George Soule who has taught ten courses.

Board Members and Administrators were introduced and thanked for their contributions to the Collegium. Five Board Members have completed their terms this spring — Vern Faillettaz, Bill Child, Mary Ann Eng, Jane McWilliams, and Dick Cantwell.

Thanks were expressed to Joan Kark for all her work planning our Membership Meeting and to the Northfield Retirement Community for hosting today's event.

II. Mary Ann Eng introduced Dick Cantwell in recognition of his many contributions to CVEC including teaching seven Collegium courses. Cantwell's talk entitled "The Greatest Lied (Song) In the World," was an abbreviated version of one of Dick's classes. He shared with us the lied 'Mondnacht' by Joseph von Eichendorff with musical setting by Robert Schumann, teaching us how words and music, of equal importance, become one.

III. Course Schedule for Fall 2008: Myron Solid, Curriculum Director, announced the roster of courses for this fall. Those instructors attending the meeting gave brief course descriptions.

IV. Annual Business Meeting: Administrative Reports

Bill Carlson, Director, shared that CVEC is in great shape in terms of the magic that happens in the classroom, the ongoing number of students enrolling - which he anticipates will grow - and our financial condition. Thanks to a special gift given in 2007 by a member and a grant received for 2008, we are able to support an expanded educational CVEC program. Carlson shared some information about upcoming Shakespeare events we are co-sponsoring but CVEC is looking for other program ideas. Carlson encouraged everyone to complete the evaluation form provided.

David Halsor, Operations Director, explained the registration process to help everyone understand why one does not always get into their first choice class. Course registrations may be mailed early but none are entered until the official first day of registration. Often we receive more than half of the total number of registrations on that first day.

Election: Bill Child, Chair of the Nominating Committee, and on behalf of the other members Shirlee Madow and Greta Smith, presented the slate of new board candidates who will serve two-year terms: Charles Carlin, Lowell Johnson, Shirlee Madow, Jim McDonnell, and Jon Rondestvedt. In addition, Lynne Pederson will now represent the Northfield Senior Center on the Board. The slate was approved by a unanimous vote.

V. Closing: Faillettaz asked all those in attendance who have been serving on Board committees to stand to be recognized and thanked for their service.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Immediately following the meeting, tours were given of Kildahl Park Pointe and new portions of Parkview West.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Stanley, Secretary