

Cannon Valley Elder Collegium Board Minutes, May 21, 2014

The Board of Directors of CVEC met at the Northfield Senior Center on May 21, 2014. A quorum being present, Board Chair ReJean Schulte called the meeting to order at 3:46 P.M.

1. ReJean asked the Board to approve the agenda that had been circulated to the members of the Board prior to the meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the agenda was approved unanimously.
2. ReJean next asked that the minutes of the April 16, 2014 meeting of the Board be approved in the form circulated prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the Minutes in the form circulated was duly made, seconded and approved unanimously.
3. ReJean stated that this was to be a transitional meeting of the Board, i.e. the last meeting for retiring Board members Diane Hagen, Bruce Roberts and Jon Rondestvedt. Anne Abby, who was elected to an additional one-year term, and the three retiring Board members would vote at this May meeting. The five newly elected Board members - Randy Cox, Joan Drenth, Phil Eaves, Judy Mason and Dale Talley - were present, but would not be voting members of the Board until the next meeting, in September. ReJean asked the newly elected members of the Board to identify themselves and say a few words about their summer plans. That having been accomplished, staff members and current Board members who were present said their names and a few introductory words.
4. Executive Director Rich Noer then introduced Peg Morrison, who had volunteered to fill the vacant position of Treasurer. After briefly discussing Peg's qualifications, Rich noted that the Treasurer must be a member of the Board, that a vacancy existed on the Board, that the Bylaws permit the Board to fill vacancies in the intervals between annual meetings of the membership, and that he was recommending that the Board vote to elect Peg to the Board and appoint her Treasurer. After a brief discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the members of the board unanimously voted to elect Peg to the Board and to appoint her Treasurer.

5. Rich next reported that questions had been raised about the precise terms to be served by people elected to the Board. Logically, the term of a person elected at the annual meeting of the membership could begin immediately following that meeting, and the term of a retiring member could end at the same time; or terms could begin (or in the case of retiring members, end) immediately before the first meeting of the Board following the annual meeting of the membership; or terms could begin and end at the beginning of each academic year. Rich recommended, however, that the Board decide that retiring members' terms end on May 31, and newly elected members' terms begin on June 1, following the annual meeting of the membership. Rich recommended that this be done informally for the present, as there are several changes to the Bylaws and Policies that ought to be considered, and the precise language concerning terms and other matters should be discussed between meetings and recommended to the Board in advance so that they could be discussed in an orderly manner. There was general agreement in favor of Rich's recommendation, with formal action deferred until a later meeting.
6. Curriculum Director Ed Langerak reported that courses for the 2014 fall session were as reported at the annual meeting of the membership. Registration will begin August 11th.
7. Finance Director Barb Jenkins and Rich Noer discussed the annual financial report to the State of Minnesota, an unsigned copy of which had been circulated to the members of the Board before the meeting. Rich said that the Board is responsible for the report, and asked that the Board approve the report and authorize Barb and him to sign it on behalf of CVEC. A motion to approve the Report in the form circulated and to authorize Barb and Rich to sign it on behalf of the Board was duly made, seconded and approved unanimously.
8. ReJean discussed the proposal of the ad hoc committee formed to consider technological improvements in aid of CVEC instruction. Previously, a detailed report had been circulated to the members of the Board and the Board had approved the committee's proposal at the April Board meeting. Jerry Mohrig reported that the Board of Village on the Cannon had unanimously adopted the following: "Motion: That the VOC Board approves the CVEC audio/visual installation as

proposed; that the Board authorizes payment of \$1,400 to Franek Electric for installation of electronic equipment. This approval is with the understanding that members of the VOC Association and those authorized by the Association may use the equipment, and that CVEC will maintain it.” ReJean pointed out that because of the amount of money involved, CVEC’s Policy Manual requires a vote at a second meeting of the Board in order to authorize the recommended expenditure. Then the following resolutions were moved, seconded and unanimously approved by the individual voice vote of each current director:

“1) Resolved, that the Board authorizes the acceptance by CVEC of the “Sound and Video System Proposal (updated)” submitted by Sim Sound and Video, Inc., dated April 1, 2014, in the amount of \$15,055.73.

2) Whereas, installation will take place over the summer, when there are no Board meetings to deal with exigencies, and whereas, the Technology Committee includes the Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, and the Operations Director, therefore

Resolved, that the Board authorizes the Executive Director, in consultation with the Technology Committee, to authorize additional expenditures up to \$1,000, if determined to be just and necessary to ensure timely completion of the work in the accepted Sim Sound and Video, Inc. proposal dated April 1, 2014.”

9. Rich Noer reported on the activities of the hearing technology committee. Rich discussed how “Pocketalkers,” which cost about \$125 each at retail, might be distributed to students. He recommended that CVEC purchase three of the devices or at a wholesale price of \$324, to be loaned out to students who wish to try them out. He stated that CVEC will recommend that individuals for whom the Pocketalkers work well purchase their own.
10. ReJean asked for feedback about the annual meeting of the members. Apparently the meeting was a success: 90 people attended and several commented favorably on the theme, “honoring lifelong learners.” It was agreed that students’ speeches about their CVEC experiences wouldn’t

work every year; however, it was suggested that students' reminiscences about specific courses might be appealing.

11. Eric Nelson talked about this year's summer film festival, and passed around a list of the four films to be shown and the four presenters. The theme will be "Hollywood Renaissance." There was a brief discussion of the plans, with final decisions to be made by Eric and the other members of the informal film festival committee.
12. Bruce Roberts reported that letters from the "Collegium Invitational Talks" program" had been sent to more than 50 churches and other institutions, offering talks by fall term instructors. Thirteen responses had been received, but only one from a church, an unexpected result. Bruce noted that addressees responded to email letters better than to "snail mail."
13. There being no further business, Jerry Mohrig suggested a round of applause in recognition of ReJean's three-year service as Board Chair.

Following applause for ReJean, upon motion duly made and seconded and without discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Michael H. Harper, Jr., Secretary