

Cannon Valley Elder Collegium

Minutes of Board Meeting

April 17, 2019

The meeting of the CVEC Board of Directors took place on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at FiftyNorth. Members present were Dale Talley, Jean Haslett, Jerry Mohrig, Phil Eaves, Barbara Crouter, Joan Drenth, Eric Nelson, Steve Kelly, Peg Morrison, Karolyn Bertelsen, and Mary Ho. Also in attendance were staff members Rich Noer, Perry Mason, and Carol Rutz. Absent were Board members Dan Van Tassel, Bob Speckhals, and Ed Lufkin and staff member Bill Rizzo.

Confirming a quorum, Chair Dale Talley called the meeting to order at 3:48 p.m.

Dale asked if there were any additions or corrections to the previously circulated minutes of the Board meeting of March 20, 2019. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes as presented was made, seconded, and carried.

Dale updated Board members and staff on progress to date in forming a technology committee to make recommendations regarding use of the Dekker funds which, per the motion approved at the March 20, 2019 Board meeting, are to be used for technology and related support to benefit the classroom. Dale said that Steve Kelly has agreed to chair the committee, and that Ed Lufkin, Richard Schulte, and Jim Pierret have agreed to serve on the committee. Steve said that he and Jim have met to discuss how the committee will proceed, and Steve encouraged Board members to e-mail him with ideas and recommendations regarding use of the funds.

Regarding the slate of candidates for CVEC Board officer positions, Dale said that the membership will be voting online and that the recommended candidates are as follows: Dan Van Tassel, President; Dale Talley, Vice-Chair; Mary Ho, Secretary; and Karolyn Bertelsen, Treasurer. Jerry Mohrig also suggested that the Annual Meeting include a special recognition of the contributions of Bill Woehrlin to the work of the CVEC through his many years of teaching. Members voiced support of this recommendation.

Rich Noer provided the enrollment and registration summary in Bill Rizzo's absence. Regarding registration for Spring 2019, Rich noted that, year to date, there have been 62 first-time students, in comparison with 71, 89, 95,85, and 88 first-time students in the past 5 academic years. Overall enrollment has shown some decline over the past few years, with the number of enrollees relatively flat from 2017-2018 to 2018-2019. Carol Rutz noted that the classes in which she has participated recently have included a number of people who are new to Northfield.

Perry Mason reported that there are 13 Fall course proposals, 10 from Northfield and 3 from Faribault. For the Winter term, there are 8 "firm" Northfield courses and he is expecting three courses to be offered in Faribault. For Spring 2020, there are 7 firm

courses, and several other courses for which a term has not yet been confirmed. Perry also informed the Board members that the FiftyNorth room adjacent to 106 is now being used for card playing every afternoon, and that the noise from this activity makes it impossible to offer CVEC classes in 106 during the afternoon hours. Members discussed the possibility of offering more classes at Village on the Cannon and other venues. Perry said that he will follow up with FiftyNorth Director Lynne Pederson.

Peg Morrison reviewed the operations and fund balances reports, and noted that the CVEC is on budget with strong fund balances. She said that the Finance Committee will meet at the end of April to prepare a budget proposal for next year. If Board members have suggestions, they are encouraged to get in touch with Peg.

Phil Eaves presented the report from the Nominating Committee. The following candidates for Board membership have been interviewed by the Committee and are being recommended for online approval by the CVEC membership: David Norman, Arthur Higinbotham, and Susan Evans. All have exceptional educational and career credentials, and Phil has background materials available for each of the candidates. Phil also stated that each of the prospective Board members has been advised that there is an expectation that all Board members take an active role in the organization.

Reporting on the work of the Film Festival Committee, Eric Nelson said that the Committee had hosted a meeting with past film festival presenters. A total of 7 faculty attended, 5 from Carleton and 2 from St. Olaf. All expressed an interest in participating in the upcoming film festival. Eric said that, in particular, faculty were impressed with the quality of the students that have attended the film festival seminars. The theme for 2019 will be Global Movie Musicals, with a tentative schedule of films and presenters as follows: *A Star is Born* (Carol Donelan), *A Hard Day's Night* (Jay Beck), *Bride and Prejudice* (Susan McKinstry), and an as yet to be named Russian musical (Marc Robinson). As in past years, films will be at the Weitz Center on Tuesday evenings in July beginning the first Tuesday after the Fourth of July.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ho, Secretary