

## **Cornwall Manor Society Membership Meeting Minutes**

### **March 16, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Gini Badger at 10:02 AM. Gini welcomed all who were in attendance and said what a blessing it was to have everyone together.

Rev. Daphne Messersmith offered the opening prayer by asking us to start with a moment of silence wherein we were to breathe in the love of God and breathe out the peace of God.

Gini welcomed those who were attending their first Society meeting and asked them to stand for recognition. With the aid of Mary Ann Hoffman, six new attendees introduced themselves and told us where they were from.

The Cornwall Manor Society has been active for 73 years. On the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society Levi Zerr wrote a poem thanking the members for their hard work. One line reads, “You’ve given help and hope and love in countless, endless ways.” Our committee reports this morning will show how we are still giving help, hope and love.

Carol Holt introduced Ellen Arnold who helps build relationships both on and off campus through her work as Coordinator of Campus Programs and Projects.

#### **Coordinator of Campus Programs and Projects – Ellen Arnold**

- Campus Visitors – Mary Ann Hoffman coordinates this group. Presently they are looking for better ways to contact new residents.
- Birthday Cards – Joanne Aponick sends birthday cards to all the people listed in the Neighborhood News each month.
- Fund Raisers
  - Theater Buyout, chaired by John and Bonnie Stangl, will feature “Sweeney Todd” on July 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Ice Cream Social will be held in August.
  - Apple Dumpling Sale will be chaired by Bob Roth in September. The cost will be \$6/dumpling with delivery on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Carol then introduced Jim Work who along with his wife, Doris, helps build relationships in Corson Hall.

#### **Coordinator of Corson Programs and Projects – Jim and Doris Work**

- Birthday Parties – These parties are held on the first Monday evening of each month. In April volunteers will start doing the parties once again. A \$5.00 gift certificate from the Manor Shoppe will also be given to each celebrant.
- Games and Activities – This group headed by Pat Garber and Jo Ann Smith meets on the second Monday evening of each month.
- Craft Group – This group, chaired by Judy Torrens, meets on the third Monday of each month. Some of the crafts they are preparing now are sock bunnies and dream catchers.

#### **Ambassadors – Jim Work**

Presently there are 22 ambassadors with 13 off campus and 9 on campus. Two ambassadors were in attendance today, Tonya Voris and Judy Feather. They were introduced and thanked for their contributions. Basically, ambassadors inform their churches of our various activities.

Next Carol introduced Pauline Charles who helps build relationships in the Health Center.

### **Coordinator of Health Center Programs and Projects – Pauline Charles**

Volunteers have returned to the Health Center.

- Shoppe on Wheels – These volunteers work every Friday. While carts cannot go into the rooms, just seeing the volunteers again has brought a lot of joy to residents.
- Transporters – These volunteers work on Sundays taking people to chapel. Then on Mondays and Tuesdays they transport residents to the beauty shop.
- Birthday Parties – At this time ambassadors provide gifts for celebrants and the staff provides cake and snacks.

If you can help with any of these endeavors, please call the appropriate coordinator.

### **Blooms and Gift Card Chair – Linda Chadbourne**

These two fund raisers both benefit Benevolent Care. A flyer regarding gift cards will come in your mailbox in May. Orders will be taken until May 23 with pick up in the Manor Shoppe on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Laurie Clement and Marti Bondelid are both helping with this endeavor.

Blooms, which will be held the first weekend in May, will be open to the public for the first time since 2019. The kickoff will be a dessert social held in Freeman dining room from 2:00 until 3:30 on Friday afternoon, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The Silent Auction will be open for your perusal. Then the big event is on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 until 1:00. We will have crafts, fudge, woodshop items and plants. There will also be a raffle for dinner and a show for two at Mt. Gretna. A food truck and ice cream truck will be here as well as radio station WLBR which will broadcast throughout the event. Parking will be available at the Catholic Church with a shuttle up to main campus. The railroad club, Buckingham Mansion, the Treasure Trove and the Manor Shoppe will all be open. Cornwall Iron Furnace will also be open. They will be doing a cooking demonstration from 11:00 until 3:00. Lots of volunteers will be needed to make Blooms a successful event.

The Blooms chair in 2024 will be Rita van Alkemade.

### **Silent Auction – Margery Gardener**

Items available at the Silent Auction include gift cards from local businesses as well as events sponsored by Cornwall Manor residents such as an “Orient Express” dinner. There will also be an art table featuring items by residents and employees. At this time, an Amish quilt, necklaces, and paintings have already been donated. Further donations will be accepted in apartment 2C in Gateway until April 21<sup>st</sup>. Watch for details in the Neighborhood News.

### **Manor Shoppe – Pat O’Neill**

Volunteering is so important! It gives us a reason to get up in the morning. The Manor Shoppe is open from 9 until 3 on Mondays, 9 until 1 Tuesdays through Fridays and 11 until 1 on Saturdays. Presently the Shoppe is stocking spring and Easter items which include Russell Stover candies and a new line of purses. On March 31<sup>st</sup> an open house will be held from 3:30 until 5:30 PM. Sparkling cider and wine will be served. You can also sample Stonewall Kitchen products and participate in a scavenger hunt. Random door prizes will be given out throughout the event.

A check for \$3,000 was given to our Treasurer, Debby Tanico, at the Executive Board meeting as well as a check for \$120 from the tip/copier jar for Memorial and Special Gifts.

### **Crafters – Sally Renda**

Crafters meet every Monday on the first floor of Laurel Place. Presently they are working on items for Blooms. All are welcome at the meetings, or you can make items at home and donate them. Supplies are also welcome. A check for \$1,500 was presented to Treasurer Debby Tanico. That check represents their pledge for the year!

### **Treasure Trove – Tonya Voris**

Tonya is one of the managers at the Treasure Trove and has been volunteering for Cornwall Manor Society for 20 years. They need volunteers as well as donations. Last year the Treasure Trove gave \$40,000 to CMS. They are on track to give more in 2023. The shop is open on Wednesdays from 12 until 4 and on Saturdays from 10 until 2. During Blooms they will be open from 9 until 2 on.

### **Treasurer – Debby Tanico**

As of January 1, 2023, the total bank account for CMS was \$61,318.13. With income of \$8,084.02 and expenses of \$1,542.23 our bank balance is \$67,859.92 as of February 28, 2023. It was recommended by the Finance Committee and the Executive Board that we pay \$45,000 toward our pledge and spend \$3,000 of the Memorial and Special Gifts Fund for items needed in Corson and/or the Health Center.

In January all financial transactions for CMS, the Treasure Trove, the Manor Shoppe, and Crafters were reviewed by Liz Zimmerman and found to be in order. Thank you to all those who are serving as treasurers. They are Debby Tanico, Kem Hoffer, Marty Herr and Gary Schlegel. Bob Ross will serve as Financial Reviewer for 2023.

### **Secretary – Jean Renaud**

The minutes of the Executive Board meeting as well as the General Membership meeting and the CMS Retreat were all approved as written by the Executive Board on March 9, 2023. All of these minutes are posted on the Cornwall Manor website for your perusal and information. Several thank you notes were read. The first was from Arlene Smith thanking us for the Cornwall Manor throw which was part of the Christmas gift bag project. Another was from Phyllis Rohland thanking us for the gift she received on Christmas morning which was part of the STAR project. Next, we received a note from the Health Center Activities Department thanking the Society for all we do for them throughout the year. Finally, we received notification that a gift in honor of the Cornwall Manor Society had been given by Jim and Doris Work.

### **President's Report – Gini Badger**

Two motions were presented to the membership. The first was a motion to donate \$45,000 to the Benevolent Care Fund, and the second was a motion to spend \$3,000 of the Memorial and Special Gifts Fund to purchase two white boards, a sleeper chair, a greeter desk, and a tower ball game for the Health Center. Both motions passed unanimously.

Several years ago, Carolyn Baker donated 45 paintings to the Society to be used to raise funds for Benevolent Care. Twelve of those paintings have been sold for \$1,685. On April 7 some of these paintings will be displayed at the Lebanon Picture Frame and Fine Art Gallery. On opening night Carolyn will be in attendance from 5:00 until 8:00 PM. The gallery, which is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11-4, Thursdays and Fridays from 10-6, and Saturdays from 10-2, is located at 847 Cumberland Street. Parking is available at the Farmers Market. The paintings will also be shown on Channel 956 as well as on You Tube. In addition, one of the paintings will be available at the Silent Auction during Blooms.

Mary Ann Hoffman interviewed Carolyn and asked her about her background. Carolyn, who was the daughter of missionaries, was brought up in Malaysia. She has always found inspiration for her paintings all around her. She knows when a painting is finished when the piece "speaks to her". Mary Ann, as we all do, thanked Carolyn for her generosity.

Gini introduced the Manor Men who ended our meeting with four songs. Conducted by Pat Walter and accompanied by Pat's daughter, Heather Buffington, the men sang "How Great Thou Art", "Still Small Voice", "When the Saints" and "An Irish Blessing." Michael Welsh was guest soloist for "When the Saints".

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Renaud, Secretary