

Cornwall Manor Society Membership Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Gini Badger at 10:00 AM.

Rev. Linda Jacobus offered the opening prayer which was about gratitude. We all need to be radically grateful every day for our many blessings.

Mary Ann Hoffman then introduced residents who were attending our Membership Meeting for the first time. They were Louise and Dick Brown, Jean Hershong, and Connie Gill.

Gini read our mission statement which is: The mission of the Cornwall Manor Society is to support the ministry of Cornwall Manor by building relationships both on and off campus, by providing opportunities for volunteers to bring services and programs to Corson Hall and Health Center residents, and by raising funds for Benevolent Care.

75th Anniversary Committee – Carol Holt

In 2025 the Cornwall Manor Society will be celebrating its 75th anniversary. A committee has been established which includes Joan Sowers who was a member of the 50th anniversary committee. The committee has reviewed the 50th anniversary book which Joan wrote. We need lots more ideas. Please send any ideas you have to Carol Holt either by email, campus mail, or telephone.

Ambassadors – Jim Work

The Ambassadors that attended today were recognized and thanked for all the work they do for Cornwall Manor. One of the things that they did recently was help with Blooms and More by giving gift cards, themed baskets, and money as well as items that could be sold. To help Ambassadors know what is going on at Cornwall Manor, monthly mailings are sent to them to share with members of their churches.

Coordinators of Corson Programs and Projects – Jim and Doris Work

In April Cornwall Manor Society volunteers returned to Corson. Those activities include the following.

1. Monthly birthday parties are held at 6 PM on the first Monday of each month. Volunteers interview those who are celebrating birthdays and present them with a gift certificate from the Manor Shoppe. After a short program, refreshments are served.
2. Pat Garber and Jo Ann Smith present a variety of programs to residents on the second Monday of each month.
3. Judy Torrens works with residents on crafts at 10 AM the first Thursday of each month. Judy prepares the craft before the program so that Cindy Keller can show the residents what they will be making to encourage them to attend.
4. Game Night is held on the third Thursday of the month from 6 PM until 8 PM.

If you can help with any of these activities, please contact the appropriate person (Doris Work – birthday parties, Judy Torrens – crafts, Pat Garber or Jo Ann Smith – programs).

Coordinator of Health Center Programs and Projects – Pauline Charles

Transporters and Shoppe on Wheels are in operation again. Transporters are needed three days a week. On Mondays and Tuesdays, they take residents to the beauty shop. Then on Sundays they take residents to the Health Center chapel. Shoppe on Wheels is operating on Fridays taking candy, snacks, notepaper, and stamps around to the residents' rooms.

Churches deliver gifts to the Health Center to help residents celebrate their birthdays. Snacks and birthday cake are provided by the staff.

All of these activities require volunteers. If you would like to help, please call Pauline Charles.

Raising Funds

1. The spring Gift Card Sale, which was done by Linda Chadbourne, Laurie Clement, and Marti Bondelid, resulted in a profit of \$1,525. This fundraiser will occur again in November just in time for Christmas gifts.
2. Blooms and More set a record this year with \$22,324.85 in earnings. Thank you to all the volunteers who participated.
3. The sale of Carolyn Baker's paintings at the Lebanon Picture Frame and Fine Art Gallery has concluded. Four paintings were sold for a profit of \$405. With the paintings that were previously sold, the total profit is approximately \$2,100. We still have 26 paintings which are stored and will come out at a later date. Mary Ann Hoffman thanked Carolyn for her gracious gift, and Carolyn thanked the committee for the great job they have done.
4. This year's Theater Event will occur on July 25, 2023. The show is "Sweeney Todd". Prior to the show an After Dinner Wine & Cheese Reception will be held in the Skylight dining room at 6:00 PM. Limited transportation is available with the Cornwall Manor van. The cost of this event is \$30 per person. Bob Richardson previewed the play for us. Sweeney Todd, the demon barber on Fleet Street, is a classical story of love, corruption, injustice, retribution, and revenge. The show won eight Tony Awards when it was originally on Broadway and is back on Broadway once more. Send your reservation form to Bonnie and John Stangl so you can see this award-winning play.
5. The Manor Shoppe is run by volunteers for the convenience of our residents. New Stonewall Kitchen items are available in the Shoppe. If you have recipes you have developed using some of the Stonewall items, please share them with the Shoppe. Perhaps your recipe will appear in the Neighborhood News. A check for \$3,000 was presented to the Treasurer as part of the Shoppe's pledge to the Benevolent Care Fund for 2023. Another check in the amount of \$170 was presented to the Treasurer for the Memorial and Special Gifts Fund. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Marcie Orledge.
6. Crafters meet from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM every Monday on the first floor of Laurel Place. Under the direction of Sally Renda and Linda Leonhardt, the Crafters made \$1,453.00 during Blooms and More. All are welcome to join this group.
7. Jill Risser is the Day Manager at the Treasure Trove. Recently the library was rearranged. Also, there is a sale going on with 50% off on clothing, shoes, and handbags. Come and see what is available.

Treasurer – Debby Tanico

Since January 1, 2023, we have had income of \$52,536.88. During that same period \$45,000 was donated to the Benevolent Care Fund and \$3,028.78 of the Memorial and Special Gifts Fund was spent on items for the Health Center resulting in a balance of \$62,981.75 as of May 31, 2023.

Secretary – Jean Renaud

The minutes of the CMS Executive Board meeting held on March 9, 2023, and the CMS Membership Meeting of March 16, 2023 were both approved as written by the Executive Board on June 8, 2023.

Several notes from Advancement were read. One note thanked the Society for the items that were provided for the Health Center. The other note thanked the Society for the \$45,000 that was given to Benevolent Care as part of our 2023 pledge.

Nominating Committee – Debbie Grubbs

The nominations for terms beginning on January 1, 2024, include Carol Holt, President; Linda Leonhardt, Vice President; Louise Brown, Secretary; Debby Tanico, Treasurer; Linda Chadbourne, Coordinator of Health Center Programs and Projects, and new Nominating Committee members Mary Ann Hoffman, Joanne Whary, Rick Borger, Pauline Charles, and Laurie Stone who is from the Mt. Gretna area.

President's Report – Gini Badger

A special thank you to Diana Reilly, Margaret Sowers, and Kathy Crocker for their years of service on the Nominating Committee. Thank you also to those who have agreed to take on new roles in January. The Executive Board voted to accept the nominees. In September these nominees will be brought to the membership for action.

Linda Leonhardt does not want to serve as President. Thus, she will resign her post as Vice President at the end of 2024. The Bylaws provide that if an office becomes vacant, the President with the consent of the Nominating Committee and the Executive Board will appoint a person to fill the vacant office. It is expected that Linda will resign the post of Vice President effective at the end of 2024. Carol Holt, as President, will appoint a member to serve as Vice president in 2025 and accept the nomination as President for 2026 and 2027.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Society give an additional \$30,000 to the Benevolent Fund. This motion was approved by the Executive Board. The recommendation was approved unanimously by the membership.

All gifts to the Memorial and Special Gifts Fund have been noted in a book which was kept in the lobby of the Health Center. Currently the book is in the care of Joanne Whary and updated by her husband, Charles. Since the donations are listed in the Annual Report, Joanne recommended, and the Board agreed to discontinue the book. The Society policy states that “the Memorial Book of Contributions shall be kept in the Health Center lobby and updated as gifts are received.” On June 8 the Board voted to amend the Policy by deleting the sentence from the Policies. It was moved and seconded to delete the sentence from the Policies. The motion passed unanimously.

Our Ice Cream Social started during COVID so that we could socialize with one another. The first year, 2021, the Social raised more than \$1,000. The second year, 2022, the Social raised \$500. Since Marketing cannot cover the cost of the ice cream this year, and we have many more opportunities to socialize, we have decided not to hold an Ice Cream Social this summer.

Administrative Liaison – Stacia Layser

As of June 1, 2023, all staff in all levels of care can go mask free if there are no cases of COVID, no exposures to COVID, and no symptoms of COVID. Volunteers at Cornwall Manor are considered an extension of the staff so policies for staff apply to volunteers as well. COVID cards must still be on file for all volunteers, and temperature scans and questions still apply. The green traffic light means that all criteria have been met. If there is a red light, ask the greeter if you should visit that neighborhood.

Thanks to all who volunteer on campus. Thank you, too, for all the help Stacia gives the Society.

Program – John Stangl

Prior to moving to Cornwall Manor, John was involved in his local theater company as a Lighting Designer. He developed a computer program to automate the lighting and sound sequences. Today John shared some of his secrets with us. For example, through the use of different colored gels the mood of the stage can be completely changed: blue = night, neutral colors = day, hot pink = a festive feel. Thank you, John, for an amazing program.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Renaud, Secretary