

**Cornwall Manor Society Executive Board Meeting  
March 7, 2024**

**Present** Carol Holt, President; Lyn Leonhardt, Vice President and Crafters Coordinator; Debby Tanico, Treasurer; Margery Gardner, Assistant Treasurer; Ellen Arnold, Coordinator of Campus Programs and Projects; Doris and Jim Work, Coordinators of Corson Programs and Projects Linda Chadbourne, Coordinator of Health Center Programs and Projects; Marcie Orledge, Manor Shoppe Manager; Jill Risser, Treasure Trove Representative; Marti Bondelid, Membership Chairperson; Stacia Laysen, Administrative Liaison; Vicki Deitzler, Administrative Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Carol Holt. Carol opened the meeting with Prayer.

**Secretary – Louise Brown** A note of appreciation was received from Vicki Deitzler thanking the Society for the gift of a 75 inch smart TV with rack and soundbar in the Corson Hall Activity Room. A note of thanks was received from Susie Zimmerman thanking the Society for the thoughtful Christmas gift. The minutes of the November Executive Board meeting as well as the November General Membership meeting were approved as written by the Executive Board on March 7, 2024. All of these minutes are posted on the Cornwall Manor website for your perusal and information.

**Treasurer – Debby Tanico** As of March 4, 2024, there is a beginning balance of 70,450.75 in the bank account; income of \$16,476.54; expenses of \$3,120.63; giving us an ending balance of \$83,806.66. Debby has a new and simplified form for use for expense requests and asks that we use this new form in the future The finance committee is recommending that \$55,000 be paid towards our 2024 pledge for benevolent care. Treasurer’s Report was approved as received.

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

**Programs:** Campus visitors – Mary Ann Hoffman is in charge of this program and is a work in progress. **Birthday Cards** – Ginny Stevenson is new to this program. Thanks to Joanne Aponick for all her good work with this program for the past 2 years. **Projects:** Lebanon Community Theatre buyout. Production is “Guys and Dolls” on July 23, 2024. Buyout price is \$2,000. John and Bonnie Stangl are chairs of the project. Vicki Dietzler is working on securing a corporate sponsor. Apple Dumpling sale is Oct 4 with product pickup the day before. Bob Roth is project chair; price will remain the same (\$6.00); Sycamore Springs has not raised their prices; sugar free as well as regular dumplings are available. Blooms & More Festival, May 3 & 4. Desert social is on Friday from 2 to 3:30 in the skylight dining room, Stacia will provide placemats with visuals; silent auction 2 – 4. Stacia noted this year that the blooms will be moved to the Boiler House and the bus route is changed. Visitors will disembark at the chapel.

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

Music Time is a new program at Corson. Various persons put on music themed programs on the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. As much as possible they are designed to involve the residents; such as sing-a-longs. Attendance has been about 10 persons, there are three volunteers present, we could use more. Any interest, let me know. Birthday parties continue on the first Monday of each month. Most of the attendees are friends of the birthday celebrants. Attendance varies from 6 to 15. The first winter party since Covid was held with 21 attendees. A person trained to turn scriptural texts into stories was the entertainment. Craft time with Judy Torrens is an ongoing program and attendance seems to be improving. Thinking game with Pat; since the first of the year no one has been attending. Another attempt will be made on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Fun fest will be held on Friday, June 21. Thank you to all our volunteers.

**Coordinator of Health Center Programs and Projects – Linda Chadbourne**

The winter party was well received. The fun festival is planned for June 21 with a roaring 20s theme. This will be the first time since Covid that the fun festival is being held. Temple Avenue will provide live music. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be offered and were requested by residents. SOW has become problematic. Sales have plummeted, with an average of only 2.5 sales per week. Discussion ensued with possible solutions. Stacia commented that the Society has done great work for 75 years. If we determine that an event is no longer viable, there is no harm in discontinuing something that is no longer worth the time and effort required to support it. We should put our energies where we get the most return on volunteer hours. Discussion followed regarding turning the SOW into visitation times. As a result of Stacia's promotion, Vicki Deitzler will be taking on more responsibilities with the society.

**Membership Chair Person – Marti Bondelid**

We continue to send letters to new residents regarding membership. After a few days, Mary Ann Hoffman will hang a packet containing pertinent information on new residents' door. After a two-week waiting period, phone contact will be made.

**Nominating Committee - Carol Holt**

There are a number of positions that need to be filled for next year ; Vice President, replacements for Ellen Arnold, and Jim and Doris Work. Ellen Arnold suggested that an information form be developed and sent to new residents asking that they list their special talents and/or interests. A task force will be formed and charged with evaluating all society job descriptions as well as determining which projects afford us the best return for our efforts. President Carol Holt will be in charge of forming this task force.

**Manor Shoppe – Marcie Orledge**

\$2,000 was given to the society as part of the shoppe's pledge. Wertz and Wilbur candies are doing well. New items include Stonewall Kitchen, Easter Décor, spring items and purses in spring colors. Bruce Chadbourne had a book signing for Ann of Cornwall from the Mt. Gretna Historical Society, which was very successful. He has written another book about Robert Coleman which is available for sale in the shoppe. Daffodils will be available March 22 from 9 – 1 in the marketing welcome center. \$1,600 of daffodils were sold to 72 customers. All monies collected go directly to the cancer society. Next year it was suggested that a surcharge be added to all credit card sales.

**Treasure Trove** – Jill Risser

Adding the additional day of first Friday to the Treasure Trove has been successful. First Friday in March was themed St. Patrick's Day. Any visitor wearing green could purchase items for \$1.00. The first Friday in April will be Easter themed. Plans are underway to transition all current clothing. Spring and summer wear will be on display shortly. Treasure Trove will be opened during Blooms and More Festival.

**Crafters** – Lyn Leonhardt

A new member joined the crafters. Work continues on items for Blooms.

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Carol Holt

The committee is well into planning. There will be a chocolate day event on 10/28/25.

**New Business** – Carol Holt

Copies of the Cornwall Manor Society Mission Statement from the annual report were distributed to members asking them to read the suggested new statement. After discussion, the new suggested statement was approved. Discussion followed on the lifetime fee to join the society. Did we want to eliminate having to pay the fee to be a member? It was determined and approved to keep the \$35 lifetime fee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Brown, Secretary