

CORNWALL MANOR SOCIETY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MARCH 21, 2024

Carol Holt, President, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. (a slight delay because of audio technical problems. Thanks to the Cornwall Manor staff who were able to remedy the problem.) Bob Hoffman led us in prayer and made the following comment. "... life is like a game of tennis, the player who serves well will win; we serve well and will continue to win ..."

A number of new residents were introduced. Mary Ann Hoffman helped introduce these new residents. Carol thanked them for attending with the hopes we will see them again at our gatherings.

Secretary's report – 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 also 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's Report – Debby Tanico

Bank Account beginning balance:	\$70,450.75
Total Income:	16,476.54
Expenses:	3,120.63
Ending Balance:	\$83,806.66

Retirees – Sally Renda

Carol recognized and thanked Sally Renda for her many years of service. Sally is retiring after serving for 15 years as head of the crafters, an organization she started at Cornwall Manor. Carol read a recap of Sally's very interesting history, starting with her birth at Pearl Harbor, moving with her family to the Philippines and becoming prisoners at the hands of the Japanese for three years. When released, they came to the U.S. with only the clothes on their backs. Anyone interested in reading the full story, please contact Carol Holt. The crafters have donated \$28,050 to the society. Lin Leonhardt will be replacing Sally as head of the crafters. Sally recently had shoulder surgery and intends to continue working with the crafters after healing from the surgery. We all wished Sally a speedy recovery and are thankful for her many years of service. The crafters meet on Monday afternoons from 1 – 3 p.m. in the crafting room on the bottom floor of Laurel Place. Everyone is welcome to come and observe or pitch in and help. Crafts made at home are welcomed to be contributed for sale.

Finance Committee – Debby Tanico

There was a motion from the Finance Committee to donate \$55,000 to Cornwall Manor. There being no further discussion, the motion passed.

Campus Programs and Projects – Ellen Arnold

Birthday Cards – Thanks to Joanne Aponick. Ginny Stevenson is a new person who will be doing the cards. Our church ambassadors were recognized for their contributions in promoting Cornwall Manor through their local churches.

Corson Hall Programs and Projects – Jim and Doris Work

- Music Time – this is a new program at Corson. Various persons put on a music themed program on the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. Residents are encouraged to participate; one example is a sing-a-long. Attendance has been about 10 people. Three volunteers do this program and more are needed.
- Birthday Parties – The first Monday of each month a birthday party is held. Cornwall Manor Society provides a \$5 gift certificate to the Manor Shoppe for each resident celebrating a birthday and attending the party.
- Winter Party – First time it was held since Covid. Twenty-one residents attended; pictures were taken with a snowman, residents have them displayed in their rooms; a story teller person trained to turn scriptural texts into stories was the entertainment enjoyed by all.
- Craft time with Judy Torrens – This is an ongoing program and the attendance is improving.
- Thinking games with Pat – This event has been changed from evenings to Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.
- Fun Fest – A fun fest is planned for June 21, with an outdoor picnic with a roaring 20s' theme. Families are invited to attend. Special entertainment will be provided.
- Thanks to all the volunteers who make these programs happen.

Health Center Programs and Projects – Linda Chadbourne

- Lebanon Community Theater – Guys and Dolls will be the production this year on July 23. Vicky Deitzler is working on securing a corporate sponsor. The buyout price is \$2,000. John and Bonnie Stangl are chairs of this project.
- Gift Cards – A brochure will be coming out shortly advertising this event. We sold \$40,000 of gift cards last December, with a profit of \$2,200. Deadline to purchase is May 21, with pickup June 10.

- **Health Center** – Everything is starting up again. The winter party was very well received; everyone had a wonderful time; the table settings and room were beautiful; a few residents who had never come out of their rooms before attended, a real blessing.
- **SOW** – Fridays we are still selling candy.
- **Transporters** – Transporters bring residents to worship service on Sundays; on Mondays and Tuesdays they bring residents to the beauty salon for their appointments. We are very thankful for the transporters, and we could always use more
- **Birthdays at the health center continue.**
- **Fun Fest** planning is under way, with a roaring 20s' theme. Transporters are needed for this event and will be encouraged to dress up in clothes reminiscent of a roaring 20s' theme.

Blooms – Rita Van Alkemade

Plant displays will be in the Boiler House. We will have certified organic plants to sell. Cash, check, and credit cards can be used to purchase; credit card terminals will be available throughout. We will have bus interpreters. Cornwall Manor dining services will be available. Presale is on May 3; a dessert social is from 2 – 4 p.m.

Membership – Marti Bondelid

Marti is taking over contacting new residents. Marti will make the initial contact. Mary Ann Hoffman will contact them next and give them a small gift. This second contact will be made after a waiting period so as to not overwhelm. We are encouraged to talk with our neighbors about joining the society.

Nominating Committee – Carol Holt

We have three positions to fill for next year; Vice President, Coordinator for Campus Programs and Projects, and a Coordinator for Corson Hall Programs and Projects. The nominating committee is actively working on filling these positions.

We welcome a new community member to our committee. Laurie Stone is replacing Margaret Sowers whose term has expired. Laurie is new to our campus, but she is already involved in other volunteer work. Thank you, Laurie.

Manor Shoppe -Marcie Orledge

The Manor Shoppe gave \$2,000 to the society as part of our pledge. The items on the tables are from the Manor Shoppe and are for sale. If you want something, take it down to the shoppe after the meeting to pay

for it. Wertz and Wilbur candies are doing well. We have new Stonewall Kitchen items, Easter items, and purses in spring colors, and this shawl for sale. 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 in the Manor Shoppe. Daffodils will be in tomorrow, March 22 from 9 – 1 in the Marketing welcome center. We gave \$1,600 with 72 customers. We do not make any money on daffodils, all money collected goes to the cancer society. I have \$200 from the copier and change jar to give to the Memorial and Special gifts fund.

Treasure Trove – Jill Risser

The entrance to the Treasure Trove has been changed, as has the cash register location. We have been donating dresses, shoes, and purses to the Glass Slipper project. We have also donated clothing to the high schools to be used for students on job interviews. Don't forget; we are open the first Friday of each month.

Crafters – Lin Leonhardt

With Sally Renda's retirement, I will be attempting to fulfil her shoes; which is not an easy task. Crafters are busy; we meet on Mondays from 1 - 3. All are welcome.

Resident Association – Jim Tice

There are eight committees under our purview: Dining; Garden and Greenhouse; Tree and Environment; Communication; Life Enrichment; Building and Grounds; Resident Representatives; and Health. We need volunteers; we are only as good as we are because of volunteers.

75th Anniversary – Carol Holt

The 75th Anniversary Committee has been working hard to create some interesting activities to celebrate. One is a Chocolate Stroll which will involve many different fun activities with chocolate. This event is scheduled for October 28 which is national chocolate day. Special programs are planned for all our meetings. We are still in the process of planning another very special event.

Old Business:

- Cookies, Crafts, Carols and More Report. The November 2023 meeting was held before this event. We made a total of \$3,279.80; making it a big success. We look forward to having this event again this year on the first Friday in December.

New Business:

- Bob Roth has reviewed our Finances. I am pleased to report that all is good with our financials.

Notes to Share -

Mission Statement: We decided to strengthen our Mission Statement for clarity. The Society's mission is to raise funds for Corson Hall, personal care, the Health Center, skilled nursing and benevolent care. On the tables is a copy of the past mission statements including the present one. On the screen is the new mission statement with the changes. There was no further discussion. The motion passed to adopt the new mission statement:

- ***New Mission Statement: Building relationships both on and off campus, providing opportunities for volunteers to bring programs and services to Corson Hall (Personal Care) and Health Center (Skilled Nursing) residents, and by raising funds for Personal Care, the Health Center and Benevolent Care.***

Administrative Liaison – Stacia Laysen

Stacia expressed her gratitude to all of us and to the staff at Cornwall Manor. We have a great staff at Cornwall Manor; there is always someone willing to help. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve as our liaison since 2019. She noted that our programs are thriving. The society contributed \$90,000 to Cornwall Manor, with an additional \$3,000 to \$4,000 given towards special gifts.

She is thankful for the many friends made while working with us and for those she has made throughout the Cornwall Manor community. Since being promoted to a director, it became apparent that her schedule had to be lightened. To that end, she was pleased to announce and introduce Vicky Deitzler, Vice President of Advancement, who will be sharing some of her society responsibilities. Vicky looks forward to working with us and noted that Stacia will also still be involved with society's business.

We are grateful for Stacia; thank you, Stacia.

Entertainment – “One A Chord” musical group

Pat Walters introduced the entertainment, a Harmonia Music group founded in 1890. Thank you to Pat and “One A Chord” musical group. The entertainment was enjoyed by all.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Brown
Secretary

