

Cornwall Manor Society General Meeting
March 20, 2025

The meeting was called order at 10:12 by President Carol Holt, welcoming all present to the first meeting of 2025, which is the Society's 75th year. She congratulated all the volunteers who have carried on the Society's legacy of raising funds to serve others in our community. She invited us all to sit back and enjoy the entertainment, reports of a successful year and to remember those who are no longer here.

Invocation:

*Reverend Dr. Robert Hoffman read from 5 verses from Proverbs that we should follow through the coming year and ended with a prayer for the meeting.

Entertainment:

*Jim Work introduced a skit written by Doris Work that portrayed a meeting of the 75th Anniversary Committee. It included a history of the founding of the Cornwall Manor Society and the history of the Love Gift. Pat O'Neill and Jeanne Boltz then presented further information on the Love Gift, which began in 1964. It is a time when residents of Cornwall can express gratitude through financial donations for special projects at the Health Center.

New Residents:

*Maryann Hoffman recognized 4 new residents present at this meeting.

Secretary's report:

*Karen Fenstermaker read notes of thanks from residents and the staff in Corson and the Health center for activities and purchases made to improve the lives of residents. The meeting on November 7 as well as the minutes of the General meeting on November 21 were approved by the board on March 6. The meeting minutes from March 6 were read.

Treasurer Report:

*Debby Tanico went over the financials of the Society. As of February we have an a balance of \$92,948.16 in our account.

Financial Reviewer Report:

*Bob Roth reported that he as reviewed the finances and found them to be sound.

Funds for Corson:

*President Carol Holt explained that in January , Corson requested funds for an update to the foot spa . It was felt this would help many of the residents and they did not want to wait for the March meeting. The executive committee met and decided to approve the funds. It was then presented to the general membership for ratification. Carol called for questions, there were none and the vote to ratify carried. The executive board offered a “ Wish List” to the Health Center and they responded with a list from which the executive board approved the purchase of two special sleeper chairs for the center. She presented this purchase for ratification . There was no discussion and the purchase of the chairs was ratified.

Committee Reports:

Coordinator of Corson Hall Programs and Projects- Jeanne Earnshaw

**January activities included a New Year’s Eve type party in Freeman with the Gentlemen of Jazz. There residents enjoyed the music and some singing and dancing. There was also a birthday party with Moravian sugar cake. February included making dried flower arrangements from the trailside farm and valentine decorations March was a video presentation of Hershey and Hershey Chocolate.

Helping Hands is a new project idea of Kirk Ramos that enables the residents to get involved with helping others. The first project was folding plastic bags for Lebanon County Christian Ministries . These bags will be used by shoppers at the Market.

Coordinator of Health Center Programs and Projects - Linda Chadbourne

**There was a winter brunch held in January with a chalk artist, Elva Hurst. Fun Fest planning is underway for June ,a picnic lunch and hoe down with Tim McNett Band. Shop on Wheels(SOW) operates on Friday mornings with goodies for the residents. Volunteer transporters take residents to worship and the beauty shop. Substitute transporters are needed.

Gift card campaign starts Monday, May 5.

Blooms- Karen Shalters

**The Greenhouse Committee is busy growing plants along with our own organic Trailside Farms.They are asking for contributions to help offset the cost of what they need to purchase. Residents may purchase plants beginning May 2. The Festival will be open to the public May 3 from 9AM -1PM

Nominating Committee- Mary Ann Hoffman

**Rick Borger has accepted the nomination as second Vice President and was a sworn in by Carol Holt. Mary Ann also noted the importance of filling out the volunteer survey as this assists the nominating committee in finding people best suited to the positions. We will need a new second Vice President next year and in 2026 a Treasurer and two members for the nominating committee.

Manor Shoppe- Gini Badger

**Gini Badger and Laurie Clement presented the report, as Marcie Orledge was not feeling well. They presented two checks to the Society first for \$3,000 in partial fulfillment of their year goal and \$160 from contributions to the jar and use of copier. The latter is for the Memorial and special gifts fund. They are always happy for new volunteers. It is a great way to meet others who live here.

Treasure Trove- Jill Risser

**The Treasure Trove is ready for spring. Volunteers are welcome.

Crafters - Lin Leonhardt

**The crafters thanked everyone who shopped with them at the Cookies, Craft, carols and more Christmas event. They are busy getting ready for the upcoming Blooms . Crafts will be available to purchase beginning Friday , May 2 from 2-3:30 PM for early shopping. The crafters appreciate any small handcrafted items made at home that you would like to donate. Walker bags are needed.

75th Anniversary- Carol Holt

**Carol expressed the Society's hope that you would consider a financial gift to the Love Gift fundraiser.

First Vice President's Report- Rita Van Alkemade

** Rita introduced herself and offered us the opportunity to purchase CMS 75th Anniversary shirt, vest, or jacket when a flyer is sent out. She expressed that she took a "Polar Bear" plunge into the role. She has served on the Task Force Committee updating Society Service descriptions ,attended Society Committee Meetings to familiarize herself with how things work ,and with Joann Whary, Vicki Deitzler, Tracy Stickler, the nominating committee, and Executive committee revised the volunteer Survey . She has been working with the committee to update the bylaws. And service descriptions. She thanked all the volunteers and is looking forward to the year ahead.

Old Business

*Carol Holt reported the funds raised from Cookies,Crafts,and More was \$1340. Bingo raised \$1450 . Donations go into the society funds and prizes come from those funds.

New Business

*The Lebanon Community Theater's play for July is "Mama Mia" . We were encouraged to attend.

Memorial Service for members who passed away last year- Linda Jacobus and Pat O'Neil

* The names of 31 members were read ,as a bell chimed after each name. Linda Chadbourne played the piano as the names were read.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Fenstermaker
Secretary