

Cornwall Manor Society General Meeting
November 20, 2025

Call to order and welcome

Carol Holt opened the meeting at 10 AM with a call to order.

Invocation

Reverend Rick Andrews offered a prayer for wisdom and blessings on the meeting.

Recognition of new residents

Jim Work recognized the new residents who were present at the meeting for the first time. Some of these people have already become members of the society. We welcome them and are thankful for their willingness to join this group.

Star project presentation

Mary Affronti explained the Star Project. The Christmas tree in the front of the room held stars, representing residents of Corson and the Healthcare Center. The white stars were for the health center residents. The gold stars were for Corson residents. She encouraged us to choose one star to purchase a gift that was for one of the residents. This would guarantee Christmas cheer. The tree will be placed in the Manor shop after this meeting.

Honoring outgoing officers

Rita Van Alkemade asked the outgoing officers to stand and be recognized.

These generous individuals have given their time, their energy and their hearts to our mission. Our community is better because of all of you.

*Debby Tanico, our outgoing and outstanding treasurer will soon be enjoying a well-deserved time of leisure after keeping us physically sound for over five years.

*Margery Gardner, outgoing assistant treasurer, will be adding a position on the nominating committee to her already full résumé of volunteer roles.

*Pat Renault and Rick Borger, we thank you both for serving us so well, and for finding us just the right person for the job while on

the nominating committee. Rick will now be moving to serve us in the role of first vice president of the Society

And lastly, we especially honor the years of service Carol Holt has given us first as vice president and currently as president of the society. Carol, your dedication has made a lasting difference, not just in the work we do, but in the lives you've touched along the way. Your hard work, generosity and spirit have inspired everyone around you. You have shown what it means to serve with compassion, commitment, and integrity and we all thank you.

The Rita and Rick presented outgoing president , Carol Holt with a flower bouquet.

Business Meeting

Secretary's report - Karen Fenstermaker

The secretary reported that the minutes of the September 4, 2025 executive board meeting and the September 18, 2025, 75th Anniversary general meeting were approved by the executive board and are posted on the Cornwall Manor Society website for your information.

Treasurer's report - Debby Tanico

Debby presented the budget for 2026 and highlighted expected income for our event fundraisers, the Manor Shoppe, Treasure Trove, and Crafters. She noted that the budget is balanced and the society is in good financial standing. Carol Holt called for a motion to accept the budget and it was seconded. A voice vote was taken and the budget acceptance was passed.

Debby, then referred to the 2025 budget, highlighting income from Treasure Trove, Blooms, Bingo, and gift cards. A motion was made by the finance committee to give an additional \$90,000 to the Benevolent Fund. Carol Holt called for a vote and the motion was passed. It was noted that the Society has donated a total of \$175,000 to the Benevolent fund this year.

Committee Reports

*Manor Shoppe-Marcie Orledge

Marcie encouraged everyone to do a bit of their Holiday gift shop pin at the Manor Shoppe. There are nice hostess gifts ,goods from Stonewall Kitchens, complete with recipes and of coarse gifts to fulfill the wishes of those whose names are on the Star Tree. The tree will be in the Manor Shoppe for the coming weeks. The Shoppe has donated \$11,000 to benevolent care this year and the change jar for the Memorial Fund collected \$110.

* Coordinator of Corson Programs and Projects - Jeanne Earnshaw

Jeanne commented on the lively activities in Corson. The foot spa that the society had purchased for use is greatly appreciated. They have also purchased a hand spa. The residents are enjoying both. She noted that the birthday celebrations will be moving from Mondays to Tuesdays next year, so check your schedules and volunteer to help out.

*Coordinator of Health Center Programs and Projects - Linda Chadbourne

Linda noted that the residents appreciate the availability of the snack cart and willingness of the transporters. They enjoy the care that those volunteers show them. The Winter Brunch will be held February 13th with the Health Center residents. There will be special musical entertainment of someone performing Frank Sinatra songs. Volunteer to be part of the fun and enjoy walking down memory lane. In June the entertainment will be an Elvis impersonator.

* Treasure Trove- Jill Risser

Jill informed us that yesterday the Treasure Trove earned \$857 for the society . That is in just 4 hours! They are stocked with many Christmas item for decorating and gifting. They will be closed Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. They will be open 9A.M.-12P.M. on December 6th with a mystery discount. She also noted that if you

have larger furniture donations to call Nancy Mills in order to know if there is room at the store for your donation.

* Crafters - Lin Leonhardt

Lin said the crafters are busy getting ready for Cookies, Crafts, Carols and More on December 6th. They will be located in both the lobby and Freeman auditorium. They will also have a beautiful Santa quilt made by Linda Fischer, wife of resident, on sale. The crafters presented a check to the society for \$1,500.

* Nominating Committee - Mary Ann Hoffman

A change in the by-laws was given by the committee to be approved. Currently the By-Laws state "The Assistant Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for a two year term followed by a two year term as treasurer." The Nominating Committee is moving the following change in the by-laws to state:

The Assistant Treasurer will be elected for a two-year term. This was approved by the board and the motion was called and approved by the general meeting.

The Nominating Committee has selected people for office who have expressed their gratitude to Cornwall Manor for the love and care that they and their family members have received and are receiving. They stated that this is a way that they can truly give back to Cornwall Manor through the Cornwall Manor Society

The slate of Candidates.

Rita Van Alkemade, having served as First Vice President, is moving to the office of President.

Rick Borger has served a term as Second Vice President and is moving to the office of First Vice President.

Beverly Andrews is being nominated for the office of Second Vice President. She worked as a sexual abuse counselor, and was eventually led to become an ordained lay local pastor in United Methodist Church. Beverly has conducted Train the Trainer sessions in multiple states and has board experience. She has volunteered at blooms and has conducted programs in for the Corson birthday parties.

Linda Van Dreumel Is being nominated for the office of Treasurer. Linda was a System Analyst and is very comfortable with computer systems and is anxious to offer her services. She teaches an exercise class in the Wright family pool twice a week and is a dog lover.

Fred Horowitz Is being nominated for the office of Assistant Treasurer. Fred was born and raised in Washington , DC. He was a Director of Human Resources at the Federal Reserve under Alan Greenspan, the Director of Human Resource in the Federal Court System in Washington, and is currently the treasurer of a synagogue here in Lebanon. Fred has volunteered at blooms and is currently the Resident Association Chairman of the dining committee.

Rick Andrews is being nominated to be a member of the Nominating Committee. Rick has lived in various places around the world. He is a Viet Nam Veteran . Rick was a college counselor to international students and eventually became an ordained elder in United Methodist Church . Rick was the associate chaplain here at Cornwall Manor prior to his full-time retirement. Rick has volunteered with CMS at Blooms and Corson . Rick knows many of the residents on the Buckingham Campus , and will be an asset to the Nominating Committee.

Margery Gardner Is being nominated to be a member of the Nominating Committee . Margery has lived in a variety of states and is an interior designer by profession. She continues to consult in this capacity. Margery is an outgoing assistant treasurer of the Cornwall Manor Society . She is probably best known as the chair of the Silent Auction for Blooms. Margery was also the co-chair the 75th Anniversary Banquet in September. Margery is a resident of the Woods and will be an asset to the nominating committee.

President Carol Holt then presented the slate of officers to the members. She called for any other nominations. There were none. The motion was called to accept the slate and seconded. The slate of officers were elected by the membership.

Installation of New Officers.- Carol Holt

Carol Holt presided over the installation of the newly elected officers

President - Rita Van Alkemade

1st Vice President- Rick Borger

2nd Vice President - Bev Andrews

Treasurer- Linda Van Dreumel

Assistant Treasurer- Fred Horowitz

Nominating Committee- Rick Andrews, Margery Gardner

Old Business - Rick Borger

*Benevolent Bingo

The Reverend John Murrow will be in charge next year.

*Cookies, Crafts, Carols and More

The activity will be held December 6, 2025 from 9:00-2:00. There will be live reindeer and much Christmas cheer.

* Star project gift wrapping will be done at the Cookies, Craft, Carols and More for a donation.

Memorial Service. - Linda Jacobus and Pat O'Neal

A moment of silence and remembrance was held as a bell rang and the name of a member who had died this past year was read. We remember all those who have touched our lives and we give thanks to you, oh God. Those who have left us this year:

Mr. Roy Weik, Dr. Margaret Peischel, Mr. David Crocker,
Mrs. Rose Kramer, Mr. Gerald Harshman, Mr. Phil Feather
Mrs. Elizabeth Gill, Mr. Galen "Bud" Collins, Mr. Douglas Bedell
Mrs. Suzanne Seyler, Mrs. Louanne Steinbrenner, Mr. Carl Hoffer
Mr. Robert Torrens, Ms. Judith Brown, Mrs. Elizabeth Itzel
Mrs. Sara-Ann Hawk, Mr. David Ruth, Mrs. Constance Kanter
Mrs. Helen Angulo, Mr. William Gildea, Ms. Doris Wondering-
Stanton, Mrs. Alma Fick, Mrs. Mary Bensinger, Mrs. Dolores
Lentz, Shirley Ayrton.

Speaker

Jenean Speck spoke about Angels. She shared her beliefs about angels in our lives. That they are created beings by God .Their job is to help us though life, to protect us, and bring messages to us from God. They are strong, swift, and smart. Our job is to to agree with them and not hinder or provoke them. They are here to protect us and to aide in bringing us peace in times of trouble and calm. They are here to bring us joy. It was an interesting and thought provoking talk.

Announcements

Carol Holt gave closing remarks thanking those who have made this meeting possible. She especially thanked Vicki Deitzler and Tracy Stickler for all they have done for the society. She thanked all the volunteers for enriching her life and the lives of others.

Directions for lunch were given.

Prayer

Rev. Rick Andrews gave they prayer to close the meeting and for the luncheon.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Fenstermaker, Secretary