

Cornwall Manor Society Executive Meeting

March 5, 2026

Present: Rita Van Alkemade, Rick Borger, Beverly Andrews, Karen Fenstermaker, Linda Van Dreumel, Jeanne Earnshaw, Linda Chadbourne, Mary Ann Hoffman, Linda Leonhardt, Gini Badger, Laurie Clements, Linda Boudman, Marti Bondelid, Elaine Boltz, and Vicki Deitzler.

Welcome and Reflection

President Rita Van Alkemade opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. She welcomed and thanked us for so many for being there for at the first meeting of the year.

Beverly Andrews read a poem by Steven Charleston entitled "Be The Peace."

Speak kindly to others,
Especially those with whom you disagree.
Give to help those in need
With both generosity and consistency.
Watch for the unexpected wisdom spoken
In word and deed.
Carry no prejudice toward any member
Of your human family.
Think of yourself as a healer and act accordingly.
Listen more than you speak.
Look for the treasure of humor and share it freely.

She encouraged us to follow these points in all our interactions with others.

Resident Association Guest

Elaine Boltz informed us of the many efforts of the resident association committees and their activities.

Buildings and grounds committee- continues to address issues such as training on systems in the clubhouse, new HVAC system in the health center, spring maintenance and tilling of gardens.

Dining Committee-planning on a tour of the clubhouse and discussed how to coordinate the use of the two dining rooms.

Garden and greenhouse committee -discussed available garden plots, and they are nurturing plants for the Blooms and more.

Health services committee is offering a six week course on empowering the caregiver presented by Penn State, in August there will be a program on a healthy body and brain , a fall prevention program in September and a possible program on osteoporosis.

Life Enrichment committee has planned men's breakfast April 9, movies for April will be baseball teams and music programs are planned . Also planed is an AARP driving class and a presentation for overnight trips with Sherri. There's also a possibility of another car show. Monthly events will continue .

Fitness and Recreation - Melissa will be having a presentation on reading nutrition labels and portion sizes in April . A new walking classes is beginning and a one day Marbles league is scheduled for April 21.

Tree and Environments committee - At the January organizational meeting, they identified several activities they want to focus on this year, such as more education on tree identification, field trips, and memorial trees.

We thanked Elaine for her report and the residents association for all the efforts to make Cornwall Manor a wonderful place to be.

Secretary's Report

Karen Fenstermaker reported that the minutes of the November 20, 2025 meeting were approved and are posted on the Cornwall Manor website.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Van Dreumel distributed the financial report as of 2/28/26. The ending balance has a total of \$59,583.78 which includes \$25,110 held for the Love Gift monies for the sail awning at the Health Center.

Reports

Manor Shoppe

The representatives gave thanks to all the volunteers,cashiers,and shoppers who braved the snow, changing shifts, and cold days to keep the shop running during the months of January and February. The items for sale are attracting those outside of the Cornwall Manor community members to consider shopping here. The Shoppe is open to the public. A special thank you was given to Kathy Crocker who covered many shifts during the ice and snow storms. There will be a special order sale of RADA knives in March.

Coordinator of Corson Programs and Projects

Jeanne Earnshaw reported that birthday parties are still a big social each month. Attendance has been increasing with more encouragement from staff . March's birthday party attendance peaked at 22 residents

February was the month Valentines celebrations. CMS hosted a valentine tea party with entertainment from a three piece combo. Catering was done by the Freeman dining staff with tea sandwiches, desserts ,variety of teas and sparkling beverages.

Attendees included 24 Corson residents and seven volunteers along with Corson and Freeman dining staff.

Special appreciation should be extended to Judy Torrance for her continued dedication to the craft projects. She is diligent each month in finding a new seasonal and interesting project for residents. In addition, Judy recycles and conserves her resources, always finding new ways to use leftovers and items considered as trash. Thank you, Judy.

Plans are underway for Corson's Summerfest, a 60's Sock Hop, on Friday, June 19 in the Freeman Dining Hall. Volunteers are needed to help serve food and take orders from residents. Please contact me if you can help.

Volunteers to organize and lead birthday parties in August and September of 2026 are appreciated.

Coordinator of Health Center Programs and Projects

Linda Chadbourne spoke about the winter social on February 13. County Commissioner Bob Phillips sang for the residents. Residents enjoyed the musical memories and often sang along. There were decorations, pastries, and beverages for the residents.

The FunFest on June 19, will be held with an Elvis impersonator for entertainment. People willing to assist with moving residents in wheelchairs from 1:30 to 3:30 and people to help decorate each of the households in the morning will be needed.

Shop in Wheels(SOW). Even though we average 4 sales per week, Jolene agreed to continue because of the value of the interaction with the residents. Linda is only purchasing more supplies when we run out of something to try to avoid throwing food away after expiration dates. Low census, households with communicative issues, and a large number of residents with restrictive diets are the cause of low sales.

Gift cards- a flyer for gift card sales will go out 5/11. Orders are to be in by 5/26. Pickup will be in the Manor Shoppe on 6/15.

It was also noted that all volunteers must have Volunteer Training

Crafters

Linda Leonhardt reported that the crafters are busy getting ready for Blooms with many new craft items. They will be presenting a check for \$1500 to the Benevolent fund at the general meeting.

Blooms

Linda Boudman reported that all the committee positions are filled and planning is moving along, the dining services will provide breakfast and lunch for the Blooms Festival on Saturday May 2., Plants have been started and are growing in the greenhouse and on the farm. The committee is looking for planters and pots for plants.

These can be dropped off at the greenhouse. Silent auction items are being collected and priced.

Membership

Marti Bondelid is in the process of updating the database of approximately 350 members. The committee is looking into ways to establish a way to keep in touch with members outside of Cornwall Manor and maintaining a current list. She is hoping to be able to use Wellzesta to assist in this task.

Old Business

Rick Borger spoke about the success of the first Luminaria Project. There were more than 60 volunteers who assisted in this project by preparing and cutting the jugs, filling them with sand, purchasing lights and batteries, and placing and moving the over 250 luminaries. The comments were very positive as the mood created was a beautifully lighted area even in the snow. The luminaries were also appreciated by those in Corson and the Health Care buildings. The cost for the project broke even and we will be doing it again, as it was a positive experience for all .

Memorial and special gifts fund are being collected for use in Corson and Health Care to fulfill wish lists.

New Business

1. Rita noted that requirements needed for reimbursement form requires a signature from an executive other than the person applying for reimbursement.

2. The Treasurer Trove had wind and storm damage to the outside storage bins and is requesting funds to replace them or purchase a shed. It was discussed and determined we would make a decision on what contribution can be made when firm pricing is given . Vicki is working with the Treasure Trove staff to upgrade the flooring in the store. At present the flooring is mismatched carpet and flooring that need an upgrade for safety and appearance.

3. The theater offering this year at the Lebanon Community Theater on July 15 is Sponge Bob SquarePants. It is a family friendly show, but the executive committee questioned the interest level in purchasing tickets. a discussion was held on the buyout. Rick Borger made a motion to not participate in the buyout this year, Linda Van Dreumel seconded . The motion passed .

4. Benevolent Care Bingo - there is a team in place to run the Bingo games , but we are still in need of someone to take care of handling the money and handing out the cards.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Fenstermaker
Secretary