

Cornwall Manor Society
Quarterly Meeting June 18, 2026

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by President Rita vanAlkemade. She shared the news that the clubhouse is beginning to welcome us with special tours and plans are being made to hold our September 2026 Society meeting at the Club House Auditorium for the first time.

As previously shared with us, we will be varying our Quarterly Meetings , our Fund-Raising Programs ,and Event between the Freeman Campus and the Club House in order that our whole community will continue to remain as integrated as possible. This will also allow us to even better fulfill the Society's mission of building relationships, while providing opportunities for volunteers to offer services for Corson Hall and the Health Center needs as we raise funds for Benevolent Care.

A new era has begun at Cornwall Manor, and we are excited to watch it unfold!

Invocation

Reverend Bob Hoffman gave us 3 quotes that linked science and faith together:

Genesis 1:1-2

Neil deGrasse Tyson a quote from "Astrophysics for People in a Hurry"

Stephen Hawking a quote from " A Brief History of Time"

Reverend Hoffman then prayed a prayer of thanks for the universe that was precisely made ,for presence and our call to purpose is to love others.

Recognition of New Attendees.

Mary Ann Hoffman recognized new attendees, Sue Conter, a Treasure Trove volunteer, whose mother lives at Cornwall Manor, and Jean and David Herring, residents at Laurel Place.

Resident Association President

Elaine Boltz reported on the 2026 committee meetings.

Building and grounds continue to address issues on campus.

- * MetEd repaired wiring issues on the Woods campus
- * exterior woodwork on original Bradley Hall was painted.
- * replacement carpeting in clubhouse ordered and installed
- * Casella Waste Systems replaced trash/ recycle containers to work with automated equipment on trucks
- * Kone Elevator is waiting for permits to replace Laurel Place lobby elevator door

Dining

- * Sunday food service: shortened breakfast time and brunch changes.
 - 1.full brunch
 2. entrée and side

3. fixed limited menu

- * Clubhouse dinners on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with a maximum of 30 people initially. This would be expanded if successful.

- * Clubhouse menus will be different from the food choices in the Freeman dining room.

Gardens and Greenhouse-

- * all garden plots are reserved at Buckingham. Four available plots in the Woods.

- * landscape Garden are doing well

- * Ferry greenhouse is starting to grow plants for Blooms 2027

Health Services

- *Empowering the Caregiver, a six week course was well attended.

- * Healthy Body and Brain will be presented in August. It's a repeat of a program two years ago.

- * Fall Prevention Program by Maureen Rudy will be presented in September

Life Enrichment for June and July

- * Maryland Eastern shore trip had 42 people attend last week

- * Lebanon Valley College book reviews will be continued with two in June and three in July

- * Musical Programs on campus as well as at the Tabernacle, Gretna Music and the Lancaster Piano Festival(watch Wellzesta for details)

- * Movies continue weekly

- * Rodale Farm , trip June 25

- * Chalk Talk by Elva Hyrst June 30

- * Lebanon " Big Boy" train July 7

- * July 30 Elvis impersonator event

- * Wegman's trip July 8

- * Trivia and Happy Hour

Melissa - Fitness and Recreation

- * Lebanon Valley College Students Brain Boost Groups

- * June 29 Move Your Mood: The Brain-Body Connection through Movement

- * July Mind in Motion Class

Trees and Environment

- * Two trees were planted on Arbor Day at the Clubhouse, a Serviceberry Tree and a Red-oak

- * Barry Badger and Sally Tice have revised the booklet " Selected Trees of Cornwall Manor." It has been printed and multiple copies are available in the Cornwall Manor Library in Gateway for borrowing.

*Work is being done on updating Memorial Day and Arbor Day tree book

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the March 19, 2026 General Quarterly Meeting of the Cornwall Manor Society and the June 4, 2026 Executive Board Meeting have been approved by the board and are posted on the Cornwall Manor website and on Wellzesta , under resources and documents for your information. A card signed by staff of the Health Care Center thanking the society for all they do for the residents was shared.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer, Linda Van Dreumel reported January to May income totaled \$73,915.68. Our expenses, including the Love Gift Health Center sail shade was \$29,960.11. Our bank balance of CMS operating account funds is \$83,664.19 plus Memorial and Special Gift funds of \$6,944.04 with a total Bank balance of \$89,718.23.

Committee Reports

Blooms and More Festival

Linda Boudman reported that the Bloom Festival was a success. The goal was to raise \$20,000 and we surpassed the goal, raising \$23,956.70 for the Benevolent Fund. The weather was lovely and all had a great time. Special thanks to Vicki Deitzler for securing sponsors. The new chair for Blooms in 2027 will be Marilee Ostman. Linda stated it has been a privilege to serve.

Membership

Marti Bondelid noted that members used Wellzesta to register for the meeting and encouraged us to continue to use the platform for registration. She likened using the platform to the children's book," We're Going on a Bear Hunt," . We have to keep going forward ,facing challenges, overcoming obstacles, and learning new things.

Manor Shoppe

Marcie Orledge reported that the shop is doing well. They continue to get baked goods on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. They have red, white ,and blue items to celebrate the Fourth of July. They collected \$67 from the printer and change jar for the Memorial and Special Needs Gifts. The Shoppe also gave \$100 to the Society as part of the Blooms and has given \$3000 as part of the Shoppe's pledge.

She thanked many residents for their work, time and talent that helped the Benevolent Fund. Thanks to Joe Feather, Judy Borger, Jane Fan, the late Reverend John McElhenney for his book, Bruce Chadbourne, Ed Messersmith and the crafters. She invited anyone who is interested in helping in the Shoppe to contact her or Kem Hoffer, noting the Shoppe is in need of a treasurer.

Corson Hall Programs and Projects

Jeanne Earnshaw reminded us that the funds raised by the society are used for projects that enhance the lives of those at Corson .She invited anyone of us to come

help and share in the events. Tomorrow, June 19, will be the Summer Fest. She thanked Judy Torrens , who is “retiring” from the position of craft person and asked if anyone has an interest in guiding crafts for the residents to contact her. Any new ideas are welcome for activities.

Health Center Programs and Projects

Linda Chadbourne noted tomorrow, June 16, is the Summer Fun Fest with Elvis.
(Jay Allen)

The Shop on Wheels program continues ,as a means to provide snacks and small items to residents for purchase. Transporters for worship service and beauty shop continues. There still is a need for more people to help. Birthdays continued to be celebrated within the households by staff with gifts from local churches. It's amazing how often we celebrate with those over 100 years old .Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts of shawls and lap blankets from Cornwall Manor Society were given out and are being used!

Gift Cards

Our gift card sale was the best spring campaign with over \$40K in total orders. Thank you to all who participated, our profit for Benevolent Care was \$1,887.

Crafters

Lin Leonhardt reported that Blooms was very successful. They raised \$756 and made a donation at this meeting of \$1,500 to the Benevolent Fund. There will be a craft sale of fall items in the Laurel Place Lounge at the “ Fall Fest “ in September.

Old Business

Rita Van Alkemade

1. The Sail Cloth that was purchased with donations from the Love Gift has been installed at the patio behind the Health Center. The project has been paid for in full with a Board approved addition to the \$25,100 Love Gift in the amount of \$890 to fulfill the \$26,000 invoice.

2 Luminaria Event:

Pat O'Neill has graciously offered to lead the successful Luminaria event again this year. Thank you, Pat.

3. Cookies, Crafts, Carols & More

Joanne Whary, as chair and Jo Kim as co-chair have taken on the leadership of Cookies, Crafts, Carols and More, an event that has been expanding in scope to be a much loved winter celebration. Thank you ,Joanne and Jo.

4. Benevolent Care Bingo

We have already held two of the four much enjoyed Benevolent Care Bingo events scheduled for this year and we are still looking for a host to hand out the cards and collect donations. Let Rita know if you're interested.

5. Lastly, please continue to register for all events on Wellzesta .It helps us to better plan for successful meetings and events when we know how many are attending. We are offering twice monthly sessions to help enhance your Wellzesta experience. Find more under Events-Search -Wellzesta for upcoming dates.

New Business

Rita presented the Board's recommendation:

1. As of May 31, the available balance in the CMS account was \$83,664.19. The Executive Board recommends the amount of \$75,000 to be given to the Benevolent Fund. Approval must now be voted on by the membership.

Rita called for discussion, there was none. She called for a voice vote. The recommendation was approved.

2. Two Policy and By-Law updates have been approved by the Executive Board and will be voted on at the September meeting. The following are the By -Law updates:

a. Article IV:Elected Officers

Added at the end of Article IV

In addition, if a member can no longer perform their duties, and must resign, an election will be held to fulfill the remainder of the the term along with the eligibility for re-election.

b. Article VIII(b): Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is responsible for nominating Society members to fill the offices enumerated in Article IV. The nominating committee shall consist of five Society members (previously six)as elected by the Society. Committee membership shall include Society members who are residents of the Buckingham Campus and the Woods Campus and may include a non-resident Society member from the community.

Rita then handed over the podium to the representatives of the Treasure Trove for a presentation..

Treasure Trove Presentation

*Tanya Voris- Outside community member and long-term volunteer at Cornwall Manor with 25+ years of service. She is in charge of communications and posting on Facebook and Wellzesta for weekly sales information and creating the signs posted the store in addition to co-managing the clothing and linen department .

*Jill Risser- Jill is a long-term volunteer at Cornwall Manor with 15+ years of service. She is the head day manager and coordinator of training of new volunteers and helps organize the store and new donations. She happens to be the best sales representative, not only for the Treasure Trove, but also Cornwall Manor.

Tanya gave a brief history of the Treasure Trove.The Treasure Trove was created in 2017 and moved into the new location ,which had been the former administration

offices. It combined the Curiosity Shop which was across from JBT Bank and the Campus Collectables that was formally on the lower level of Laurel Place. In April 2025 Treasure Trove was re-organized as it is today, with the new manager, Nancy Mills, a resident. It was decided that having a resident in that position made the most sense due to knowledge of Cornwall Manor rules and contacts in management. A management team was also created. New volunteers were also added ,along with some volunteers managing some of the various areas of merchandise such as jewelry, books, electronics, crafts, cards, and the man cave These managers coordinate with the management team when sales or supplies might be needed. Currently we have 40 volunteers with approximately half being Cornwall Manor residents and the other half outside community members. In 2025 the Treasure Trove was able to donate \$65,000 to the Society for the Benevolent Fund and contributed over 4000 volunteer hours. There is a lot of activity that goes on behind the scenes when the store is not open.

The Treasure Trove is here for the residents, to provide a shopping experience, provide an outlet for donations and a social experience. It also helps the community at large. The Treasure Trove has given things to Salvation Army, Goodwill, LCCM and Jubilee. They have also donated to the Glass Slipper Project, Suits for Success, Humane Society and Nana's Closet.

Donations can be dropped off in our new shed located behind the Treasure Trove or during hours when the store open. We are thankful for the Society and Cornwall Manor management for purchasing the shed for us. It's a great improvement over the bins we had before.

We were then treated to a fashion show, with residents wearing stylish outfits from the Treasure Trove. Many attending raised their hands when asked if they had purchased clothing items at the store. They receive many items of quality, sometimes with tags still on. We were invited to stop in and check out the ever changing merchandise.

Blessing

Reverend Bob Hoffman then offered a prayer of blessing for the lunch.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully Submitted.

Karen Fenstermaker

Secretary.

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