

Cornwall Manor Society Executive Board Meeting
June 4, 2026

Present: Rita Van Alkemade, Rick Borger, Mary Ann Hoffman, Beverly Andrews, Linda Leonhardt, Linda Chadbourne, Linda Boudman, Linda Van Dreumel, Karen Fenstermaker, Jeanne Earnshaw, Marti Bondelid, Elaine Boltz, and Marcie Orledge

President Rita Van Alkemade called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and remembrance for Mr. James Tice, a Cornwall Manor resident and former president of the Residents Association, who passed away yesterday morning.

Rita then read a piece by Steven Charleston entitled Common Cause. The text urged us to join together in the cause of peace, reconciliation and justice.

Common Cause

The more things in this world seems to slide out of control
The more we need every person
Of every faith and every tradition
To stand together to hold a center of love.

Now it's not the time for us to hang our heads in despair
But rather to raise our expectation
Of what a united community can do
When it has the will to do it .

Across the lines of imagined division
Against all odds of reaction
We extend our hands and hearts
To every person around our Mother Earth
Who will join in the struggle
For peace, reconciliation, and justice.
Faith is not a sign of our difference
But a clear call to our common cause.

Resident Association

Elaine Boltz presented a summary of reports from the residence association. Highlights included report that Met Ed has repaired the cables in the Woods, Bradley Hall repairs are taking place, updated tree books are in the Gatehouse Library and Casella Waste Systems will be handling trash removal. The clubhouse will be having a phased in

dining service. They will be serving dinners Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays to start. The meals served there will be different than those served in Freeman Dining Hall. A trip is being planned to see the big steam engine as it makes its stop in Lebanon as part of the 250th Anniversary of the United States.

Secretary's Report

Karen Fenstermaker reported that the quarterly meeting was held on March 19, 2026 in Freeman auditorium followed by a luncheon. The minutes were approved and posted on the Cornwall Manor website and on Wellzesta . The document summarizes the quarterly meeting covering committee reports, updates, and new business.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Van Dreumel distributed copies of the financial report. The payment for the Love Gift Shade at the Health Center has been paid in full with the Board approved addition to the \$25,110 Love gift in the amount of \$890 to equal the \$26,000 invoice. The balance in the operating bank account is \$83,664.19.

Committee Reports

Manor Shoppe

Marcie Orledge The shop continues to do well. We continue to update the inventory and baked goods arrive every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning. They have red, white, and blue items to celebrate the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States. A donation of \$150 was given as part of Blooms plus the \$3000 as part of a pledge. Thanks to the residents who donate their talents to create items for sale, Judi Borger, Joe Feather, the late Reverend John McElhenney, Ed Messersmith, Jan Fan Bruce Chadbourne, the Cornwall Manor Society Crafters.

She also noted that a new treasurer is needed for the shop.

Coordinator of Corson Programs and Projects

Jeanne Earnshaw shared that the birthday programs are very much appreciated. Attendance has increased and residents have expressed interest in topics such as "Laughter for Better Health" and "Dogs of Cornwall Manor". There are now 38 Corson residents. The residents really respond to the interactive events.

Judy Torrens is resigning as craft co-ordinator. A discussion followed as to how interactive those projects are and it was decided to look into other types of activities, such as storytelling as well as continuing the craft program if there is a volunteer. Corson staff runs their own craft program each week.

There will be a chalk artist, Elva Hurst, June 30 in Freeman Auditorium. All are welcome.

Volunteers to organize and lead September's birthday party would be appreciated.

Coordinator of Health Center Programs and Projects

Linda Chadbourne reported the Fun Fest Plans with the Elvis impersonator are going well. She also shared that the spring gift card sale was the best ever. The profit from this sale was \$1887.37. The Shop On Wheels is going well with volunteers and residents, with higher sales per week. One disappointing event was the knowledge that some of the candy was missing. A sign was put on the candy that it was only for residents and possibilities will be discussed about locking the area where the candy is stored.

Crafters

Linda Leonhardt reported that the crafters did well at Blooms and will be donating \$1,500 to the Benevolent Fund at the June meeting. There will be another sale during the Fall Fest In September. Linda was thanked and recognized for all her efforts in creating a positive group that creates unique items that can be purchased by residents and visitors. These funds continue to benefit residents in need.

Blooms

Linda Boudman stated the Blooms Event raised \$1,200 more than last year, a very successful festival. We are looking for a new co-chair next year and also someone to handle the auction. Thank you to Margery Gardner for handling this job the past four years.

Membership

Marti Bondelid informed the committee that the use of WellZesta is going well for registration for the June meeting. We are in need of a new person to do the name tags for the meetings. We discussed the difficulties with keeping up to date on the data base. It will be discussed further with administration.

Old Business

1. **Luminaries event-** Pat Walter has agreed to chair for next year.
2. **Cookies, Carols, Crafts & More** : Joanne Whary, Chair and Jo Kim, co-chair.
3. **Benevolent Care Bingo:** still needs a host.
4. **Sail Cloth:** 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 board approved addition to the \$25,110 love gift in the amount of \$890 to equal the \$26,000 invoice

New Business

1. After discussion concerning our positive financial account balance, a motion was made by Rick Borger and seconded by Beverly Andrews to move \$75,000 from our general operating fund to the benevolent care fund. The \$75,000 donation will be voted on by the society members at the June general meeting. The motion was approved and passed.
2. By law updates were read, discussed and approved.

3. A concern was expressed by the treasurer, Linda Van Dreumel concerning updates on the computer system we are currently using will lack security in the future. A motion was made to allow Linda to pursue avenues of upgrading the system to protect information. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fenstermaker

Secretary