

Cornwall Manor Society Quarterly Meeting
September 17, 2026

Call to Order/ Welcome

Rita Van Alkemade called the meeting to order at 10 AM and read the mission statement of the Cornwall Manor Society. The mission is to build relationships, to create opportunities for volunteers to provide life enriching support and programs to Corson Hall and Health Center residents, and to raise funds for Benevolent Care.

Giving back and supporting one another remains an important part of Cornwall Manor community life. While we can't possibly all agree on everything, we do all agree on the value of service and the joy of using our life experiences, our interests, and our time and energy in cooperative ventures that truly matter.

Invocation - Reverend Ed Messersmith

Reverend Messersmith spoke of the changes and rifts that have occurred in our lives, but stressed that we all can come back together when we put love at the center as the bridge. When we do all things in the spirit of love and embrace changes with wisdom we all grow.

Welcome of Attendees- Mary Ann Hoffman

Mary Ann recognized those who are new to Cornwall Manor and/or attending a society meeting for the first time.

We welcomed:

Pat DeLucia, who has been here for 3 months. She is from Garnet Valley, Pa. and now lives at 6080 Grandview Circle.

Glenn and Mev Royer moved here in July from Rocherty Road in Cornwall to Carriage House 10.

Residents Association Report.-Gene Mitchell

Buildings and Grounds:

- * speed bumps have been placed Overlook Drive
- * repairs to Laurel Place main lobby elevator completed, and inspected
- * Health Center had two state inspections, both deficiency free
- * Maintenance protocols during weather emergencies were discussed

Dining

- * Clubhouse dining now seating 30 will be increased to 40 in the future
- * Clubhouse food may be ordered from 4:30 to 6:15 . Shuttle transportation is available until 7:30
- * Limited Sunday meals are available in the Manor Cafe in the Grab and Go case. Staff will be available to collect payment.

- * Freeman Dining Room and kitchen will be renovated sometime in 2027. but food and drink will be available to staff and residents throughout the renovation period.

Gardens and Greenhouse

- * vegetable gardens are doing well.
- * the well is low at the farm due to lack of rainfall. A new well to be dug.

Health Services

- * Healthy Center, HVAC systems are being replaced and are ahead of schedule.
- * Building Brain-Healthy habits program in August was well attended

Life Enrichment

- * Musical programs continue
- * Movies now two times a week Clubhouse on Wednesdays, Laurel Place on Fridays.
- * Make sure to check Wellzesta for all locations:
- * One Day University, Trivia, Happy Hour, Trips, Harvest Festival, Men 's Breakfast, Car Show, Raven's Ridge, and an evening dance are all planned.

Fitness and Recreation -

- * senior games completed
- * new classes have started some of the clubhouse, check Wellzesta for location.

Secretary's Report - Karen Fenstermaker

The minutes of June 18, 2026 meeting and the minutes of the September 10, 2026 Executive Meeting are posted on the Cornwall Manor website and on Wellzesta under resources/ documents Cornwall Manor Society, for your information.

Treasurer's Report - Linda Van Dreumel

Linda reported our bank balance at present is \$36,000. We donated \$75,000 to the Benevolent Fund so far this year and are hoping to present another \$50,000 by the end of the year. We have pledged part of the \$7,000 Special Gifts Fund for fall mats for Health Care Residents.

Blooms - Marilee Ostman

Marilee asked us to circle the date of May 1, 2027 on our calendar and to think about how we can contribute to this fundraiser. They are welcoming ideas for activities and sponsors. You could volunteer to be a greeter, a baker, or a guide. There are many ways to serve.

Membership- Marti Bondelid

Marti spoke about opportunities to enrich our soil. How is small seed plant can grow into something beautiful. She asked us to reach out to new residents and lead people to the activities and how our lives, bring goodness to the soil. We never know how one small act can affect others.

She thanked Tom for his years of maintaining the membership data base and for all the help in transferring the data base to Wellzesta. She especially recognized Bonnie Stangl, Tracy, Stickler, Vicki Deitzler, Mary Ann Hoffman and Rita van Alkemade.

Manor Shoppe - Gini Badge

Gini told us that she had never visited the Manor Shoppe in the first few years they lived here. As she became more active in the Society she volunteered to be a cashier. She now has a list of reasons to shop there. The prices are amazing, greeting cards for \$1.75 candy bars half the price of the cost at Giant. many unique and beautiful gifts, decorations and handcrafted items made by residents . You can also save a trip to the grocery store if you only need a few things. Most importantly, all proceeds from the Shoppe benefit the Benevolent Care fund. The Shoppe is open most days from 9-1. Mondays they are open until 3. Saturday has limited hours of 11-1. If you would like to volunteer a bit of your time and smile, see Marci Orledge, Laurie Clements, or Gini Badger.

Corson Hall Programs and Projects Jeanne Earnshaw

Birthday parties were held each month. Activities included a patriotic sing-a-long, music by a handbell soloist, a slide show of the dogs of Cornwall. Attendance remained constant with 12 to 18 residents attending each month.

We would like to thank Judy Torrens for her dedication and unique resourcefulness in directing the craft program for the past years. She is retiring from this position.

A new addition to the calendar will be a game day on the first Thursday of the month, in response to resident request . They would like to learn how to play marbles. Volunteers are needed.

Health Center Programs and Projects- Linda Chadbourne

The Fun Fest held in June was a success. Linda shared a comment from Jolene and the activities staff that the residents were singing, dancing and reminiscing all day. The event could not have been provided without all the volunteers and support.

Shop on Wheels is going well.

Transporters are needed on Wednesday afternoons 1:30 to 3:15 to transport residents in wheelchairs to entertainment events. Wheelchair training protocol will be done by Jolene.

Gift Cards - Linda Chadbourne

The flyers will go out on Monday 10/19, orders must be in by Tuesday 11/3, and cards can be picked up in the Manor Shoppe Monday, 11/23.

Crafters - Lin Leonhardt

The amazing crafters will be selling their wares at the Harvest Festival in the lobby of Freeman, September 25 from 1:00 to 4:00. They have some lovely items for fall decorating. You can join them in making creations, Monday afternoons in Laurel Place in the first floor Craft room.

Treasure Trove - Sue Conter

Sue Conter said the Treasure Trove will be open for Harvest Fest with many fall decorations. She thanked the wood shop for the ramp to the new storage shed and the yellow paint. She informed us of a partnership with a Jeweler in Ephrata that is able to sell some of our more expensive jewelry and antiques at a better price than we would be able to sell the items for at the Trove. The Trove continues to provide a sizeable income to our Benevolent Fund.

Old Business- Rick Borger

1. Luminaria Event- Pat O'Neill and Carol Holt

In just 13 weeks we will have 400 luminaries lighting up the Buckingham Campus and the Clubhouse. The theme this year is "Lighting up our world, Cornwall Manor, aglow with love and hope". They will be on display from December 3rd to the 17th. Flyers will be sent out to sponsor a Luminaria. Volunteers will be needed to turn on all the lights on December 1 as they are prepared to be set outside. Thanks to all who have worked on this project.

2. Cookies, Carols, Crafts and More - Joanne Whary and Jo Kim

The event will be held on Saturday, December 5 from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Cookies, crafts, cocoa and of course Santa and more will be in Freeman. It will be an all campus event ending with a handbell concert in the clubhouse.

3. Register for all events on WellZesta

New Business- Rita van Alkemade

1. Each year we ask for a wish list from Corson Hall and the Health Center for items that are funded from the Memorial and Special Gifts Fund. At this time the fund has over \$7000 to fulfill these requests. We have not yet received the Corson Hall wish list, but the Health Center has requested seven fall mats for those residents that are at risk. The approximate cost is \$3400 and the executive committee recommends that we fill this request.

All call for questions was made, as there were none, Rita took a voice vote. The recommendation was passed.

2. By -Law Updates

The following policy and bylaw updates have been approved by the executive committee and were presented to the membership at our June meeting, giving all Members time to read.

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 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 called for questions, there were none, a voice vote was taken and the measures passed.

Introduction of Slate of Nominees - Mary Ann Hoffman

The nominating committee has been meeting to find people to place in nomination for several open positions.

One issue that we have found is due to multiple circumstances, there were large number of elected members of the nominating committee, whose terms all expired this year. In order to stagger the terms more effectively we came up with a strategy. Pauline Charles will not be running for reelection this term. Laurie Stone offered to run for only one year. Joanne Whary and Maryann Hoffman are running for another three year term. That leaves one person for a one year term with the ability to run again for a three year term if they so choose.

The slate of nominees is:

Rick Borger- President

Beverly Andrews- First Vice President

Working on this one - Second Vice President

Secretary- Karen Fenstermaker for a second term

Coordinator of Health Center Programs and Projects - Linda Chadbourne

Nominating Committee:

Joanne Whary -an additional 3 year term

Mary Ann Hoffman- an additional 3 year term

Laurie Stone - an additional year

Linda Boudman - 1 year

The following people will be continuing their current terms of office:

Linda Van Dreumel- Treasurer

Fred Horowitz- Assistant Treasurer

Jeanne Earnshaw- Director of Corson Programs and Projects

Margery Gardner - Nominating Committee

Rick Andrews- Nominating Committee

There were no nominations from the floor ,questions or discussions.The slate of nominees was approved.

Presentation: Benevolent Care Highlights - Vicki Deitzler

Rita introduced Vicki Dietzler, who gave a very informative presentation on Benevolent Care here at Cornwall Manor.

Cornwall Manor is a mission driven nonprofit community with a promise to care for one another. Benevolent care keeps the promise intact. The fund helps eligible residents who have exhausted their financial resources and can no longer meet certain costs of care or residency. This act of care strengthens the whole community. The benevolent care fund cost a range of from \$2.5 to \$3 million annually. The funding comes from gifts designated to benevolent care. These gifts are restricted and may only be used for those costs. Funding comes from outright annual gifts, income from the Endowment Fund for Benevolent Care, sponsorships, organizations (Cornwall Manor Society) ,grants, events, and other fundraising. The Endowment Fund for Benevolent Care are Gifts that are designated to the endowment fund, and then restricted to be used only to provide benevolent care and support. Those gifts are invested and the income supports benevolent care. The gift lives on in perpetuity providing support for years and generations to come.

The the more we raise in annual gifts, not designated for the Endowment Fund, the less income we need to take from the Endowment earnings. This is key ,as it allows us to grow and build the endowment. Why is this important ? It provides long-term

security for our community ,because we cannot predict the future, and it fulfills our mission as our community grows. The Cornwall Manor Society is a major donor providing an annual benevolent support. Last year the Society was 53% of our total benevolent support received ,excluding planned gifts.

We thanked Vicki for this excellent presentation.

Blessing- Reverend Ed Messersmith.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 am.