

**CCHA Orleans Branch  
General Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Teri Babetski, our new Co-Chair with Jeanne Morcone, at the Federated Church of Orleans with approximately 40 members in attendance and 2 guests.

**New Members:** WELCOME to our new members Jan Hogue from Wellfleet and Bea Lennox from Eastham! We also had two guests, Kerri McCloskey (who signed up at the end of our meeting!) and Carol Criscione. Welcome and we can't wait to get to know you!!

**Thoughts and Prayers:** Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers: Sue Silver, Sue Johnson, Joan Kirkby and Bonnie Munroe. Kathy Sullivan announced that her husband is clear of cancer and she thanks you for all of your kind thoughts and prayers.

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the September minutes by Jeanne Morcone and was seconded by Linda Wander.

**Treasurer's report:** Rose Gadbois and Linda Wander – Rose presented a summary of the September and year end. Please see October 3<sup>rd</sup>'s email.

**Announcements from the Chair:**

Teri Babetski announced that we received a lovely thank you card from Kristin Dunham, who has worked with the auxiliaries as assistant to Calle Gartside, CCH'S auxiliary representative, and she retired at the end of September.

The annual Auxiliary luncheon will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> at The Sea View, 76 Chase Avenue, Dennis Port, MA. Invitations have gone out to those members who have paid their dues. If you have not received your invitation, please contact Teri at [teribabetski@gmail.com](mailto:teribabetski@gmail.com) or Jeanne at [jmorcone@aol.com](mailto:jmorcone@aol.com). This is a free event with all of the branches of the auxiliary and will be a great time. See you there!!

Teri announced the new officers of the CCH Auxiliary Governing Board. Peg Jemison will be the new President/Chairman, Lynn Brennan will be Vice Chairman and Sue Mandel will be the new Secretary.

**Committee Reports:**

**WAYS AND MEANS:**

**-American Medevac: (November, 15, 2025):** Sissy Olsen and Benva Grogan- Morton Dean will be presenting his documentary, American Medevac with a Q&A afterward. The Orleans Middle School seats 500 people and we will need many volunteers for this event as there are a lot of opportunities for members to help make this a huge success!! Flowers by the Bay has agreed to donate flowers and they have reached out to I Heart Radio to try and get Ed Lambert to interview us for more publicity. We are looking for someone to assist with the AV equipment. The school will train you! Please contact Sissy at [ruggles3434@gmail.com](mailto:ruggles3434@gmail.com) or Benva at [mgrogan10@aol.com](mailto:mgrogan10@aol.com) **WE NEED YOU!** Tickets are available online!!

**Pie/Bake Sale: (Tuesday, November 25, 2025)** Cathy Cardamone is chairing this fundraiser and is looking for a co-chair. Sign up sheets were at the meeting, but she needs more bakers and it doesn't have to be pies. We sold out last year so we need more items and drivers. Diane Forester has pie plates if you need one and she will bring them to the November meeting. Please contact Cathy at [cchauxiliary.orleans@gmail.com](mailto:cchauxiliary.orleans@gmail.com).

**HOLLY BERRY BAZAAR:** We know it's early, but we need a Chair-person or Co-Chairs for next year's event. We will start having Holly Berry meetings in January and more information will be coming. Can YOU help?

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**-Fashion Show: (September 25, 2025, 2-5)** Sue Mandel – This was a joint venture with the Orleans and Chatham/Harwich auxiliary branches. The show was very successful, earning over \$16,000 which will be divided between the 2 branches. Sue thanked all of the members who participated and were flexible & understanding when we had to pivot for a surprise wedding being held at the same time!! The stores all received a great response with guests arriving for purchases right after the event! Great job, everyone!!

**Hospitality-** Lynn Brennan – **we are need of volunteers for goodies at the November meeting.** Please contact Lynn at [lynnbrennan4@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbrennan4@gmail.com).

**Membership:** Lynn Nelson, Linda Bohlen, Diane Forester and Kathy Sullivan – Kathy Sullivan spoke about the hospital's Cancer Survival Day. There were over 150 people at the event. Nancy Johnson put together a beautiful basket for us to donate. She spoke with Sue Purgeot, who was the coordinator of the amazing event and gave us a \$20 donation. She also spoke with Roberta from the CC News who may do an article on us in the near future!

**November will be our Bring a Guest event.** Diane Forester spoke about what joining the auxiliary has done for her and all of the wonderful people she has worked with. There will be extra tickets to win if you bring a friend!

We have some auxiliary shirts for sale. Please contact Kathy at [prettypollack11@comcast.net](mailto:prettypollack11@comcast.net) if interested.

**Nominating:** Arlene Thompson, Maggie West & Mary Walsh - Arlene stated we are set for this year, but will be looking for someone to join next year. Please contact Arlene at [ctorleans@yahoo.com](mailto:ctorleans@yahoo.com)

**Publicity:** Robin Berlanti and Ann Caplicki – We are now working on the American Medevac event. **This is a Cape Wide event and we need many volunteers to post Save the Date cards and Flyers throughout the Cape.** Please consider helping them and contact [robinberlanti@gmail.com](mailto:robinberlanti@gmail.com).

**Puppets:** Dianne Greaney – Dianne thanked her committee members: Linda Bohlen, Berry Ouellette, Jane Kucks, and Sue Johnson. They created 3 new puppets this year, bringing the total number of styles to 30. This year they made 336 puppets, sold 192 puppets (\$2,880) and donated 144 to our hospital. Great Job!!

**Programs:** Nancy Ciccio, Benva Grogan, Sissy Olsen-Programs are in place for next year. Carol Penfield, NP lifestyle medicine, spoke about how we can Age Gracefully. Very informative. Next month will be Dawn Walsh, Executive Director of Lily House (Hospice Care).

**Property:** Linda Wander, Nancy Ciccio. There will be a sign out sheet for any items taken so we know where everything is. If you have any items which you are keeping, please let Linda know.

**No report:** Corresponding, Marketing/Communication, History

**Old Business:** The thrift store is looking for volunteers. **We need you for 1 Saturday between January -April!** Please consider volunteering and contact Leslie Gillis. [lgillis41@icloud.com](mailto:lgillis41@icloud.com)

**New Business:** Sandra Henry brought some craft items of shells and beads for any crafty people.

Lynn Brennan won the lanyard raffle                      Motion to Adjourn –Dianne Greaney, seconded – Nancy Ciccio

Respectfully submitted: Sue Mandel, Recording Secretary