



Leesburg Heritage Society, Inc.
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Hi all,

Despite an emergency change of location (my fault), it was great to see everyone again at our first General Membership Meeting in two years!

Glorianne and Vi gave a great presentation despite my inability to get their Powerpoint presentation up on the screen. It just wasn't my day, but it worked out great despite me. Sue will give the details with her excellent minutes.

Please checkout Glorianne's Museum report and you'll see that we now have a new wonderful volunteer, Nicole Blevins.

Join us Tuesday, May 3rd, for our last meeting of the season, as we will celebrate Beyers Funeral Homes 100th Anniversary - two years late due to CoVid.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

NEW TIME: 1:30 for refreshments and mingling, 2:00 for the meeting

NEW LOCATION: The City's new building at Rogers Park, 610 S Ninth St.

Plan to be there early, for the refreshments by Beyers Funeral Home at 1:30.

It will be great to see everyone again.

Jim Miller

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President

Leesburg Heritage Society

Minutes – Regular Meeting – April 5, 2022

President Jim Miller called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM in the meeting room of the Venetian Gardens Community Center. Those assembled had enjoyed refreshments provided by Beyers Funeral Home, and once again we thank them very much! It truly is appreciated.

After our 2 year Covid delay, it was great to see 24 members and guests present who had found their way to the meeting after a late change in location. We expect next month to be at the Rogers Park location.

Janet Davis gave the invocation in the form of a prayer/poem she had composed entitled “Easter Wish”. Thank you, Janet. We all share your wish for peace.

Woody Wagner led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a joke from Vi Pfahler about God driving Adam and Eve.

Glorianne introduced a new volunteer at the museum, Nicole Blevins. She is helping organize files on Fridays. Nicole brought along her mother and her aunt, Nancy Rutig Reid and Sandra Rutig. The three gals are Leesburg natives from the “Flatwoods” area just west of town.

Due to “technical difficulties” our program was presented the old fashioned way. Vi and Glorianne were prepared to show slides of the history and restoration project of the Mote Morris House. The presentation was no less interesting done with the use of pictures. The house was built in 1892 and occupied by the Mote, Morrison, and Morris families until the site was bought by the Morrison United Methodist Church as part of their expansion plans. The house was moved to it's current location in 1990. A great portion of the house was destroyed by fire in February of 2018. The extensive restoration and refurnishing was completed, so the house could be reopened June 1, 2021. It is currently open on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays with docents from the D.A.R. providing tours. Thank you, ladies, for the program and especially for your relentless efforts to get the historic Mote Morris House back as an iconic attraction in Leesburg.

Next month we will celebrate the 2-year-delayed 100th anniversary of Beyers Funeral Home on May 3rd at Rogers Park.

Jim adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Turner, Secretary

FROM GLORIANNE'S DESK

Museum traffic is light, so come visit Richard and Joe. They will be happy to say Hi and share anything new (and all things old). Vi and I try to be there on Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We have resolved our "hack" issue. The new email address for the Museum is leesburgheritagesociety22@outlook.com

The website URL is leesburgheritagesociety-museum.org

We introduced our new Museum volunteer at our meeting this month, Nicole Reid Blevins, and usually comes in on Fridays also. She is sixth generation from the Flatwoods area, W.W. Ward family.

Beacon College's Career Immersion Program will be May 16 - 27, when two students will be with us for two solid weeks. Last time they worked on the Obituary Project, and I believe there is still more to do on it. My hope is to place the Obituary File on the webpage for the period 1930 to 1962, with names and dates of death. Over the years we have had some really great interns from Beacon doing different projects.

Our Museum building at 111 South Sixth Street is 100 years old this year. Perhaps Vi and I can give another presentation in the fall about the history and occupants of the building and later have a celebration.