



Leesburg Heritage Society, Inc.

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Hi all,

We meet again on Tuesday, December 6th, at the new facility at Rogers Park on 9th Street. Beyers Funeral Homes will provide refreshments at 3:30, and the meeting will begin promptly at 4:00. The screen, projector and sound system have been completed and they are awesome, especially the sound system. We even have a flag and podium now.

To show off the new equipment, Sanna has lined up Frank Stivender who will replay a 2007 video of his family tree presentation. Their roots in Leesburg go back to 1862. His presentation was during our Sesquicentennial Celebration which was 15 years ago. You'll soon see that we all looked a younger then.

Be sure to read Sue's minutes. Ken Bragg's presentation was as advertised - very interesting and informative.

Also in this newsletter, you'll want to read Glorianne's report on the museum, and the Mote Morris House. And Frances, as always has produced the treasurer's report.

Again, we haven't asked for dues since CoVid, so it's time to pony up \$20 for the year or \$200 for a lifetime membership.

It will be great to see everyone again.

Jim Miller

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President

Leesburg Heritage Society

Minutes - Regular Meeting - November 1, 2022

President Jim Miller called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM in the meeting room at Rogers Park. We were happy to note that the blinds and the railing on the west side have been completed. Jim remarked that the audio/video system should be completed in the next week.

Everyone enjoyed the refreshments furnished by the Beyers group. There were 20 members and guests present, including two new members, Lillian Skilbred and Suzanne Shaffer. Welcome, ladies! We hope to see you on a regular basis, along with last month's new member Brenda Byers.

Sanna Henderson gave the invocation, and Woody Wagner led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the October meeting were approved. Vi Pfahler entertained us with a joke about a hunting trip for alligator shoes.

Glorianne Fahs announced the Museum is hosting a Centennial Celebration on Friday, January 13th to honor the building itself, which was built as the original home of the Leesburg Woman's Club. Refreshments begin at 10:30 AM.

Frances Russek encouraged Jim to organize a meeting with Al Minner about the grant money that was introduced by Bev Ohnstad last month.

Sanna introduced our speaker, Ken Bragg, who was instrumental in the development of the Vo-Tech program in Lake County. Ken was working for the State in Tallahassee in 1965 when money first became available under the "Carl Perkins Bill" to fund vocational education programs. Ken began working with long-time Principal Ray Hayes to get the program started in Leesburg. The first three programs were cosmetology, business education, and auto mechanics. Later expansions included programs in welding, nursing, EMTs, law enforcement, firefighting, and others. This education is a vital part of today's economy. Thanks to Ken for an interesting discussion.

Next month's program will be "Centennial Memories" by Frank Stivender.

Jim adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Turner, Secretary

From Glorianne's Desk

In the near future Vi and I will be retiring from Museum activities, as of January. Frank Stivender has agreed to become Museum Manager. Our PCUL people will continue to be assigned. Richard's term ends in December; have not yet heard about about his replacement. Joe will be with us into the new year. Nicole, our special volunteer, is a wonderful worker, and has a special interest, as her ancestors were very early pioneers in the area of Ward Settlement, aka Flatwoods.

Reminder that next month we will be celebrating the centennial of the Woman's Club Building. For the meeting we will have a Power Point of the highlights of the building, and on Friday, January 13 our birthday party.

Heritage Society email has been "Hacked" again.

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Note: Treasurer's Report not available this month.