



Leesburg Heritage Society, Inc.

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Hi all,

We meet again on Tuesday, January 3rd, 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.

Sanna has lined up Glorianne and Vi to present the history of our Museum Building which you see in our letterhead. It just turned 100. It was originally built by the Leesburg Woman's Club.

Be sure to read Sue's minutes. Frank Stivender's presentation about his family tree, whose roots in Leesburg go back to 1862, was very interesting.

This will be Glorianne's final report on her activities at the museum and the Mote-Morris House, as her health is failing. Hopefully, she'll feel well enough to attend Tuesday's meeting and is able to give her presentation. Otherwise, Vi will have to give it alone.

When I first became President of the LHS, I soon realized that Glorianne was in charge, as she did almost everything. So, I gave her the rank of Queen, because my role comparatively was mostly ceremonial.

"Long live the Queen!"

Jim Miller

Jim

President

Leesburg Heritage Society
utes - Regular Meeting - December 6, 2022

President Jim Miller called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM in the meeting room at Rogers Park. We now have an audio/video system in place and also a podium and an American flag. The available seating with tables and all the improvements in the past months have made this a great place to gather. We thank Jim for his efforts in working with the City to get this accomplished.

The Beyers staff (Patrick and Rich) presented a wonderful Christmas luncheon for everyone to enjoy. We thank them for the "spread" and gifts, and appreciate their commitment to serve us every month! Woody Wagner led the Pledge of Allegiance, Sanna Henderson gave the invocation, followed by Vi Pfahler's joke about a young gal who was Christmas shopping for "something for her mother".

We had 28 members and guests present. This is our largest attendance since Covid struck! Jim had the new faces introduce themselves. We hope to make them regulars!

Sanna Henderson introduced our new Museum Manager, Frank Stivender, who brought his pictures and family artifacts from the Leesburg Sesquicentennial. He also brought a video presentation of his prior address in 2007 to the Heritage Society about his family genealogy back to the founding of Leesburg. This was very interesting and entertaining, leading to much discussion and reminiscing. Thanks to Frank for a fine program

Next month on January 3rd Glorianne Fahs and Vi Pfahler will discuss the history of the present museum building, which will be 100 years old. They will host a celebration of this original Women's Club building at an Open House Friday, January 13th, 2023, starting with refreshments at 10:30. Let's mark our calendars and show them a good turnout for all their hard work!

Jim adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM with wishes for a very Merry Christmas!

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Turner, Secretary

Leesburg Heritage Society
Treasurer's Report

December 22, 2022

***Memorial Fund - 2,375.00

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Russek, Treasurer

Membership dues are: Individual - \$20.00 per year
Couples - \$30.00 per year
Student - \$5.00 per year
Professional, Business, Organization - \$100.00 per year
Life Membership - \$200.00

Our year is October thru May, with meetings the first Tuesday of the month.

From Glorianne's Desk

Jim Miller told me to write something, so I will do a personal reminisce.

Forty years ago this month Jack and I came to Leesburg to visit his father (his father died a few months later and we retired). George Rast lived in the house behind us. George was up on his roof blowing off the leaves and twigs. I mentioned my interest in family history, and he told me about the Heritage Society and Kinseekers. The Heritage Society was six years old, and Kinseekers was still Virginia Gardner and her friends.

We were snowbirds for years, so participated in Heritage Society meetings, but did not become active until Rick was hired in 2003 and I worked along side him until he left 2008 and I became Museum Manager. I was Secretary in 2004-2006, President 2006-2009, Vice Pres 2009-2010, President again in 2010-2015, 2d Vice 2015-2018, and Museum Manager Aug 2008 to this month.

Frank Stivender and I have been friends since the Sesquicentennial. With his and his family's long interest in local history, I am happy he is here to take the reins from me. He has received and graciously agreed to take on all of my responsibilities, described in a barrage of email instructions from me, such as: Constitution and Bylaws 2015, Membership list, PCUL & netchex employees, monthly count report to city for museum and Mote-Morris house, items for sale at Museum, compilation of newsletter, labels and email list of recipients, email address for Museum, city contacts at Public Works & Parks & Rec, water at Museum, Star Security, property list of hardware, model numbers and sources, updates for our webpage, photocopy and printer machines. He has also agreed to serve as Vice President of our Heritage Society for 2022/23.

As to the Mote-Morris House - Frank will conduct open houses on second and fourth Saturdays and whenever the city has special events in the park. He will train docents, and oversee sale of Leesburg postcards for benefit of Mote-Morris House and all donations for house improvement.

I truly enjoyed my service to this wonderful community and am grateful to have Frank here to take the baton.