



Leesburg Heritage Society, Inc.
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Dear Members,

Another month has gone by and it's time to touch bases with everyone again to keep you up to date with our organization. Our meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, at 3:30 at the Leesburg Public Library. As usual, Beyers will be providing some refreshments for us. I hope everyone will take this time to visit with each other.

Then at 4, we will have our short meeting and then our program.

The program will be about Wolfy's Restaurant which has been in Leesburg a long time. The family will be in attendance to tell us all about it. It's sure to be interesting for all of us.

By the time you get this newsletter, I will have attended the last workshop on the Downtown plan. I'll do my best to see that the Museum gets some attention. I urge you to go visit the Museum to prove to the city how important it is to us. We have the workers there to have the Museum open most of the time.

There are still many people who have not paid their dues. Hopefully, you will check and make that payment. Keep the Heritage Society strong!!

We will have a Board meeting Feb 25. at 2:30 at the Leesburg Partnership Office. Hopefully, all Board members will attend. Skellie Morris has agreed to be on our Board. We also have Frank Stivender as a new member of the Board. We are very glad to have these new members to help us lead the group.

Hopefully, you're enjoying the new nametags. I ordered the ones where I made a mistake, so hope they're here by now. See you at the meeting and thanks for your support.

Sanna Henderson

Sanna
President

*Leesburg Heritage Society
Minutes - Regular Meeting - February 4, 2020*

President Sanna Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM in the meeting room of the Leesburg Public Library. She welcomed several guests among the 36 present, with the Leesburg First Baptist Church being nicely represented.

Mary Jane Caldwell-Smith gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The prior month's minutes and Treasurer's report were reviewed and found acceptable.

Deb Bussinger gave her Library report and urged everyone to get a newsletter to learn about upcoming programs.

Vi Pfahler told a joke about the 7 year old who made coffee for his grandmother. He knew "the best part of waking up....."

Sanna once again thanked the Beyers team for their refreshments. They really are appreciated!

Sanna passed out the name tags that had arrived , and also announced that the next Board meeting will be February 25th.

Woody Wagner introduced Art Ayris and Suzanne Garner who were presenting the history of the First Baptist Church. Suzanne started out by telling the historical background. The Baptists were part of the first worshipers at Bourley Park in 1843. That was followed by a small structure built at the present Lone Oak Cemetery. In 1872 the Worship Center on 12th St. was built, followed by a larger Worship Center in 1927. The present church was built in 1961.

Art told about the ministry of First Baptist: "meeting needs/sharing Christ". They are proud of their First Academy Christian School, the Christian Care Center, the Medical Center, Women's Shelter, Men's Shelter, Pregnancy Care Center and Samaritan Inn. Their popular Thrift Store on Hwy. 441 helps provide funding for these projects.

The church has added a South Campus on Hwy. 27 and built the Village Park Church on the former dairy farm in Fruitland Park. Art has also had much success with their media company.

Thanks to Art and Suzanne for the interesting program.

Wood announced that the next month's program will feature the Wolf family to tell us about growing up in Leesburg and running Wolfy's Diner.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Turner, Secretary

*Treasurer's Report
January 27, 2020*

******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 per person

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

LEESBURG HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC. BYLAWS

Article IV - Membership.

***Section 2. Term of membership shall be on an annual basis, from October
1 through September 30.***

**March 2020 Events at the Leesburg Public Library
Dusty Hill Matthews, Adult Services Supervisor**

Special Event

7th Annual Literary Arts Festival | Saturday & Sunday, 3/14-3/15 from 10am-4pm

Coinciding with the annual Leesburg Art Festival, the Library hosts 20 local authors at our Literary Arts Festival. Meet and chat with writers and readers. Books will be available for sale and signing. You'll find great reads--fiction, memoirs, and more.

Performances

Route 66-America's Main Street with Craig Siemsen | Friday, 3/27 from 1pm-2pm

Jazz Performance by Master Lecturer and Flautist Galen | Saturday, 3/28 from 1pm-2pm

Presentations

Celebrate International Women's Day: Poetry Reading and Open Mic | Friday, 3/6 from 1pm-3pm

Author Tom Baker: *The Hawk and the Dove* | Tuesday, 3/10 from 2pm-3pm

Author Paula Tucker: *Surviving: A Kent State Memoir* | Tuesday, 3/24 from 2pm-3pm

League of Women Voters: 100 Years of Women's Voting Rights | Wednesday, 3/25 from 11am-12:30pm

FROM GLORIANNE'S DESK

I am concerned about our Museum attendance:

2019 = 1,306; 2018 = 1,770 (one month missing); 2017 = 2,052; 2016 = 2,428; 2015 = 1,883. We need to come up with some ideas to encourage visitors and share our heritage.

On March 14th, first day of the Leesburg Art Festival, the Heart of Florida Model A Restorers Club of The Villages will be displaying some Model A's on Sixth Street between Main & Magnolia. The Museum will be open. So visit, see the Model A's, and enjoy the artwork on Main Street.