



Leesburg Heritage Society, Inc.
111 South 6th St., Leesburg, FL 34748
April 24, 2018

Hi all,

Last meeting we were treated to our annual update from the Mayor. This year we heard from young Dan Robuck about all of the many exciting things happening in Leesburg. Please see Sue Turner's minutes for the details.

Please join us at 3:30 on Tuesday, May 1st, at the library for our next meeting. The 2018-2019 Officers will be installed by Dan Robuck, and hopefully he will answer any questions we have about Leesburg's future.

Beyers Funeral Home is our sponsor and will be providing refreshments at 3:30. The meeting will begin promptly at 4:00.

Look for Glorianne's report, as she remains as active as ever as our volunteer museum manager. She keeps us updated on the membership, and she lets us know what's happening at the museum.

We are looking forward to and seeing all of you on Tuesday, May 1st, at 3:30 pm at the Leesburg Library. We will be installing our new officers for 2018-2019. This will be my last meeting as your president.

I have enjoyed serving you as President these last three years. Thanks for giving me the privilege.

Jim Miller

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President

Leesburg Heritage Society
Minutes - Regular Meeting - April 3, 2018

The regular meeting of the Leesburg Heritage Society was called to order at 4:00 PM on April 3, 2018 after those present had enjoyed the refreshments provided by Beyers Funeral Home. There were 21 members and guests present. Vince Fechtel provided write-on name badges, which we were trying instead of the necklace badges.

President Jim Miller asked Jack Jones to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Joan Nyarady gave the invocation. Vi Pfahler entertained us with a joke involving a unique way to get your firewood cut for the winter.

Jim asked Woody Wagner, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, to present the proposed slate for 2018/2019, as follows:

President: Sanna Henderson

First Vice president: Joan Nyarady

Second Vice President: Jim Miller

Secretary: Susan Turner

Treasurer: Frances Russek

Directors: Glorianne Fahs, Jack Jones, Kathryn Knight, Vi Pfahler, Rick Reed, Woody Wagner, Vince Fechtel, Maria Stefanovic, Gail Emerson, Mary Jane Caldwell Smith

Jack made a motion to accept the nominations, Frances seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Jim passed out paper ballots for members to vote on the dues increase.

Woody then introduced Dan Robuck III, the current Mayor of Leesburg. Dan discussed various topics of interest to the group:

The sale of City property near Okahumpka to The Villages, with discussion of possible mineral rights and an archaeological site that the Branhams are familiar with.

The Mote Morris House, insurance value and rebuild money, the future to be decided by the Commission.

The new community building to be built at Venetian Gardens.

A new development across from Dabney School, to possibly include assisted living, medical offices, a restaurant.

The grand opening of a new Community Resource Center in the Montclair area. Dan opened the meeting to questions and opinions. We certainly thank him for his time.

The paper ballots were rounded up and (when ALL ballots were turned in) the vote to increase the dues to \$20 for an individual member was passed by a narrow margin (8 voted for and 7 voted against). The increase will be on next years' dues.

Installation of the Board will take place next month at the last meeting before summer.

Jim adjourned the meeting at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Turner, Secretary

Treasurer's Report
April 21, 2018

***Memorial Fund - \$2,375.00

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Russek, Treasurer

Membership dues are: Individual - \$10.00 per year*
 Student - \$5.00 per year*
 Professional, Business & Organization - \$50.00 per year*
 Life Membership - \$150.00 per person

*Our year (season) is October thru May

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.

May Events at the Leesburg Public Library
Dusty Hill Matthews, Adult Services Supervisor

We hope you'll join us at the Library for this month's enriching lifelong learning opportunities.

Wednesday, May 2nd at 2 p.m. brings Old Florida Attractions-Silver Springs.

Wednesday, May 9th at 10 a.m., the Animal League will present Fostering Dogs and Kittens.

At 2 p.m. on May 9th, come and visit the Gardens of DuPont and Other Estates of Delaware and Pennsylvania with the Library's own Tom Wilcox.

Thursday, May 17th at 2 p.m. Spring Floral Arranging with Michelle. Pre-registration required.

Each Documentary Tuesday in May brings a new topic to explore and discuss. The following films will be shown at 2 p.m. each week in Meeting Room A:

May 1st *Dior and I* - 91 minutes. "world of the Christian Dior fashion house"

May 8th *Life Itself* - 121 minutes. "documentary film about Roger Ebert"

May 15th *Tomorrow* - 120 minutes. "grassroots pioneers reinventing their economies and democracies"

May 22nd *K2: Siren of the Himalayas* - 76 minutes.

May 29th *Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai* - 81 minutes.

For more information, see Library website <https://www.leesburgflorida.gov/calendar.php>

FROM GLORIANNE'S DESK

The GFWC Woman's Club of Leesburg has sold their building at 700 South Ninth Street. They will continue to meet there for the next couple of years.

Much of their memorabilia has been given to our Museum, so we have set up a display on the left of the entrance and will be adding more info weekly.

The GFWC Woman's Club of Leesburg was formed October 20, 1909, with eighteen ladies to organize club "for purpose of aiding, improving and beautifying the town". Within a month membership grew to 84.

October 9, 1922. New 2 story clubhouse completed, grand reception held in December; established Junior Civic Club; started the Sanitary Department.

March 14, 1946. Clubhouse sold to Paul Lassiter; two lots purchased on Ninth Street. October 10, 1949. 40th anniversary/meeting at new clubhouse.