



**Leesburg Heritage Society, Inc.**

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Hi all,

We hope you had a great summer.

It's time for our first full season in a long time. Knock on wood!

We will meet on October 4th at the new facility at Rogers Park. If you haven't been there yet, it's perfect for our meetings with plenty of close parking. To avoid the steep hill at the 9th St parking lot, please use the new lot off of Dixie that is shared with the playground.

Beyers will provide refreshments at 3:30 and the meeting will begin promptly at 4:00. Sanna has agreed to be our program chair again, and our first program will feature our City Manager, Al Minner. He will tell us what is new around the city.

In this newsletter, Glorianne will report on the museum, which has been open for quite a while, and the Mote Morris House, which also has re-opened. Some things never change as she continues with her ongoing efforts to clean and organize the museum. She's still got me carrying stuff up and down the stairs. And, Frances has produced a treasurer's report.

We haven't asked for dues since COVID-19, so it's time to pony up - Individual - \$20.00 per year; Couples - \$30.00 per year; or \$200 for a Lifetime membership. Membership is about 82 individuals, so all of us should spread the word to bring in new members.

It will be great to see everyone again.

Jim Miller

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President

## Leesburg Heritage Society

### Minutes - Regular Meeting - May 3, 2022

President Jim Miller called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM in the meeting room at Rogers Park. Generous refreshments were provided by Beyers Funeral Home, for which we thank them once again. There were 17 members and guests present. The facility is bright and roomy and seems a good place for our meetings. Now to boost attendance! Jim will ask "the powers that be" to look into adding a railing on the west entrance for easier access down the slope.

Jim asked Woody Wagner to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation by Sanna Henderson. Vi Pfahler told a joke in honor of Mother's Day about the source of a mother's gray hairs.

Jim asked for introductions around the room, so we each told a little about our own history.

Sanna introduced our speaker, Roger Beyers, who came to tell us about the 102-year history of Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg. He introduced his son, Roger Beyers Jr., who is the 4th generation of the family to work in the business.

Ivan Beyers started his funeral service in Jacksonville. At that time a funeral director could not be married and had to live on the premises. He moved to Umatilla in 1918/1919, and then to downtown Leesburg in 1920. He moved to the present location in 1931, after purchasing the L.C. Page Funeral Home. Roger told us for a time they operated the ambulance service until Lake County took it over in 1960. After Ivan, came Ivan Jr., Roger, and Roger Jr. in the business, so four generations altogether. The Beyers were innovators and always expanding. They built the first crematory in Lake and Sumter Counties in 1987. They currently have 5 locations: Leesburg, Umatilla, Bushnell, Astor, and Lady Lake, with a total of 55 full and part time employees. They represent a truly home-grown family business with their 102-year history. Thanks to Roger for the interesting story, and for their membership and support of the Heritage Society.

Our next meeting will be in October. Have a safe and relaxing summer, everyone!

Jim adjourned the meeting at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Turner, Secretary

**Leesburg Heritage Society  
Treasurer's Report  
September 23, 2022**

Checking account balance last report		1,032.41
Insurance	438.68	
Postage	58.00	
Printer expense	<u>77.31</u>	(573.99)
Transfer from m/m account		<u>2,000.00</u>
Account balance		2,458.42
Money market account balance last report		131,792.11
Donations	109.00	
Interest	74.52	
Membership dues	<u>170.00</u>	353.52
Transfer to checking account		<u>(2,000.00)</u>
Account balance		130,145.63

\*\*\*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

Vi and I continue to be at the Museum about 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays as often as we are able. Frank Stivender has joined us and will be taking on Museum responsibilities. Our PCUL employees, Richard and Joe, will be changing by the end of the year (Boo Hoo). Usual Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Mote-Morris House hours are every second and fourth Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If anyone would like to volunteer at the Museum or docent at MM, let me know.

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The webpage is <https://leesburgheritagesociety-museum.org/>.