

LINCOLN LEGACY COMMITTEE

Urbana Free Library, Conference Room

210 West Green Street, Urbana, IL

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

Call to Order

Wysocki called the meeting of the Lincoln Legacy Committee to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Committee members present: Barbara Wysocki, Ray Cunningham, Heather Tucker, Kent Tucker, and Anke Voss

Approval of the Agenda/ Addendum

K. Tucker moved and Voss seconded to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

Approval of the May 28, 2013 minutes.

H. Tucker moved and Cunningham seconded to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Old Business

a. General updates

Wysocki said that Kay Grabow retired from teaching and has helped with exhibit tours. Wysocki said the DAR exhibit was on display for another week.

New Business

a. Museum of the Grand Prairie Report

Wysocki said she met last week with Barb Garvey of the MOGP. Wysocki said to Garvey the LLC projects would be in better stead with the support of a professional institution. Wysocki told her the case in the courthouse which has MOGP artifacts, and the MOGP should be given credit for the case displays with a plaque. Wysocki the MOGP was willing to partner with the LLC on an informal basis. Wysocki said the MOGP would help the LLC in finding funding.

b. Royer Traveling Exhibit

H. Tucker asked who owned the Joseph Royer (courthouse designer) exhibit. Wysocki said she does not know where the Royer exhibit is forwarded to. Wysocki said maybe the LLC could use some of the Royer items in our exhibit next spring.

Voss said the issue of the Royer Exhibit speaks to the issue of the maintenance of all exhibits in the courthouse. She said the curating of the Royer exhibit is a different job from the mission of the LLC. She said we need institutional support for the curating duties. She said it was not effective in doing things in an ad hoc fashion. Wysocki said Dennis Roberts of Urbana does not have a firm position on the Royer exhibit or other curating issues. Voss said it is frustrating that local entities go in different directions. K. Tucker said that it has been that way in the 40 years he has been in local government. Voss said the MOGP had a leadership role which has not continued after the terms of the various grants involving the LLC. Grabow asked if the MOGP and the LLC were parts of something larger. Wysocki said they are separate. H. Tucker asked if the County Board oversees us. Wysocki said the board as a whole oversees us as it does with the Clock Tower Committee.

Wysocki said Joan Dixon met with the Clock Tower committee, and moved committee funds they had from an estate to the C – U Foundation. Wysocki said the LLC funds were with the county. K. Tucker wondered if the C – U Foundation should have the LLC funds.

Cunningham said the LLC should have a defined vision. Wysocki said the LLC should take action to define its purpose. H. Tucker said the LLC needs to develop a white paper over the next month related to issues based on our early mission. Cunningham said we should get ideas together for H. Tucker. Wysocki said the LLC members should pick out issues from the past to include in the paper. Cunningham said we need to avoid “scope creep” in which our scope is too narrow or too broad.

Grabow asked about the Looking for Lincoln funding. K. Tucker said the grants were too small.

c. Advertising space in Veterans magazine.

K. Tucker said he would look into it.

Next meeting

Wysocki said the next meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2013, but K. Tucker would like to have on October 22 as he is having surgery. The members agreed to the meeting date change.

Adjournment

K. Tucker moved and Cunningham seconded to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Kent Tucker

Secretary