

LINCOLN LEGACY COMMITTEE

Urbana Free Library, Archives Room

210 West Green Street, Urbana, IL

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Call to Order

Wysocki called the meeting of the Lincoln Legacy Committee to order at 5:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Committee members present: Barbara Wysocki, Anke Voss, Kay Grabow, Heather Tucker, Kent Tucker

Approval of the Agenda/ Addendum

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

Approval of the August 26, 2014 minutes.

Grabow moved and Voss seconded to approve the August 26, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Approval of the January 27, 2015 minutes

H. Tucker moved and Voss seconded to approve the January 27, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Old Business

a. General updates

Voss said the exhibit boards had been exchanged at the court house and are at the Urbana Archives.

Voss said she talked to Barb Garvey. She said Garvey said the Museum of the Grand Prairie staff had not continued the MOGP obligations of the MOGP had under the original grant for the exhibit. She said Garvey said the MOGP had hired a new educator in the past few months. She said Garvey should have a role associated with the exhibit. Voss said that the MOGP through the Forest Preserve District needs to address a new agreement. Voss said the ball is now in the MOGP's court. Wysocki said that it was good the MOGP wants to engage. H. Tucker said we could have a discussion with the MOGP with a museum professional at the table to discuss the exhibit. Wysocki said the LLC needs to have an annual Lincoln Day event to open up court house and other Lincoln sites to promote Lincoln's Birthday.

Wysocki said Ray Cunningham's LLC membership has been renewed.

Wysocki said six school tours booked for the spring. She said they are all repeat schools.

Wysocki said students from Blue Ridge school in DeWitt County came last week. They were older students who had more knowledge of Lincoln.

New Business

a. April 9, 2015 – National ringing of the bells – Lee’s Surrender

K. Tucker said he learned at the Springfield Lincoln Birthday events that there will be a national ringing of bells in court houses and churches on April 9th at 3:15 p.m. to commemorate Lee’s Surrender. H. Tucker asked who was in charge of the bells at the court house. Wysocki said the head maintenance person.

b. Other events in April and May

K. Tucker said there will be many other Lincoln in April and May. He said the Funeral Train will be coming from Chicago to Springfield. He said the Springfield Funeral will be recreated with a procession.

c. Discussion of current LLC situation

Wysocki said she met with member Jack Anderson to give him background on the exhibit. She said he was impressed with the quality of the exhibit. She said he made comments about the space available around the exhibit. She said she gave him a copy of our DVD of Lincoln in the county.

There was a discussion about signage for the exhibit. Wysocki said the circuit clerk has a staff member handing out information about the court house. Grabow said there needs to be directions inside and outside the court house to other Lincoln sites. Voss said we need some signage to direct people to the exhibit even if only temporarily because of the LLC’s current situation. Grabow said we need an easel with a sign on it for Looking for Lincoln in the court house and other information on Lincoln. H. Tucker said there could be signs on stanchions or some bookmarks.

Wysocki said we needed to update the old Early American Museum handouts. K. Tucker asked how much money LLC had. Wysocki said about \$7,000. Voss said we should use money for visual information displays. Voss said we should get court house permission for the type of signage to use.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be March 31, 2015.

Adjournment

K. Tucker moved and Voss seconded to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Kent Tucker

Secretary