

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COMMITTEE MINUTES

LINCOLN EXHIBITS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Urbana Free Library Conference Room

210 W. Green Street, Urbana

4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ray Cunningham, Kay Grabow, John Hoffman, Kent Tucker, Barbara Wysocki, and Vern Zehr

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anke Voss

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Garvey (Early American Museum) and Cheryl Kennedy (Early American Museum)

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Lincoln Exhibits Committee was called to order at 4:30 by Barbara Wysocki, temporary chair.

ROLL CALL

Ray Cunningham, Kay Grabow, John Hoffman, Kent Tucker, Anke Voss, Barbara Wysocki, and Vern Zehr were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM

MOTION by Mr. Tucker to approve the agenda for the meeting; seconded by Mr. Hoffman.

Ms. Kennedy suggested interchanging Items VII and VIII. The mover and seconder supported the change.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Zehr to approve the April 3, 2007 minutes; seconded by Mr. Cunningham. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, AND SECRETARY

MOTION by Mr. Tucker to appoint Barbara Wysocki as Chair of this committee; seconded by Mr. Hoffman. **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Mr. Tucker to appoint Vern Zehr as Vice-Chair of this committee; seconded by Mr. Hoffman. **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Mr. Zehr to appoint Ms. Kennedy as Secretary of this committee; seconded by Mr. Tucker. **Motion carried.**

UPDATE ON GRANT APPLICATIONS

Ms. Kennedy reported that a Bicentennial grant has been submitted for the creation of a DVD on Lincoln to support the exhibits at the Early American Museum and the Courthouse. Ms. Wysocki reported on the meeting in Springfield on Monday, April 30th regarding the Looking for Lincoln wayside exhibit project.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED EXHIBITS/IDEAS/PLANS

Ms. Garvey asked for additional discussion regarding plans for the Courthouse Exhibit Space. Discussion followed as a way to provide some vision of what the space might look like so proposals and costs could be ascertained. Committee members concluded they wanted to see a design that featured Lincoln the Lawyer and some way to integrate observers as jurors in deciding his cases. Ms Garvey would research that possibility and report back at the June meeting.

DISCUSSION OF DISPOSITION OF COURTHOUSE FURNITURE

Ms. Kennedy passed out photos of courthouse furniture for review by the committee for possible inclusion in the exhibit area. Committee members concluded that while the pieces have some historical relevance to the courthouse, none of them were appropriate for the Lincoln era.

COUNTY BOARD PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Wysocki reported on their meeting with the Facilities Committee regarding an update on the work of the Exhibit Committee and to clarify who signs off on grant applications. They reported that everyone was satisfied to have the Forest Preserve District perform that function since the funds are with the Forest Preserve.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on June 5, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. at the Urbana Free Library Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Tucker to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Cunningham. **Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wysocki
Temporary Recording Secretary