

The Lincoln Legacy Committee met in the Archives Office of the Urbana Free Library on Tuesday, July 26, at 5:00 p.m. Present were committee members Barbara Wysocki, Ray Cunningham, Kay Grabow and Anke Voss.

Following the call to order and roll call, a motion for acceptance of the agenda was offered by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Ms. Voss . The agenda was approved. Mr. Cunningham moved for acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (May 31, 2016), and the motion was seconded by Ms. Voss. The minutes were approved.

There was no one present for public participation.

Old Business

In old business, Ms. Wysocki offered one update. She had visited the original courthouse at Taylorville where Lincoln practiced law. There are several historic buildings clustered together in one area, some having been moved from their original locations. Included are a home and a one-room school. There is a guide who manages the site and assists visitors.

The special August meeting with other historical associations will be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. It will be called the Champaign County History Roundtable. Ms. Voss offered the Library Archives as a space for the meeting. Refreshments will be served, with Ms. Voss offering to be in charge of providing the refreshments. Approximately 12 people are expected to attend. However, the meeting will be published on the Urbana Free Library calendar, and it will be open to the public. There are no specific events on the agenda, but each representative of a historical association in Champaign County will be invited to briefly describe the organization and discuss its successes and challenges. Those present will discuss ways for the organizations to collaborate and support each other's missions. This will be the inaugural meeting of the Roundtable, and there will be an effort made to assess interest in continuing the group.

Chairman Wysocki met at the Courthouse with two staffers from Taylor Studios to discuss some technical problems which have been occurring in the Lincoln multi-media production. The Taylor Studio staff members have a computer manual for the project, and they will inspect it for computer malfunctions and any other problems. Ms. Wysocki reported that on July 25, the building and grounds person from the Courthouse also met with the Taylor Studio staffers. The staffers will come in August to do the repairs, and they will determine the cost at that time.

New Business

In new business, the committee discussed the advisability of scheduling Lincoln Legacy Committee meetings on a quarterly basis rather than on a monthly basis. The group will meet as scheduled in August when the Roundtable will occur, and will decide about meeting frequency after that.

Ms. Wysocki has sent letters to all schools in Urbana and to Superintendent Don Owen, giving them information about the Courthouse tours which are available for students.

Ms. Voss apprised the group of an upcoming Town and Gown presentation on the Jewish history of Champaign County in October.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Lincoln Legacy Committee will be on Tuesday Aug. 30 at the Urbana Free Library in the Archives. It will be the History Roundtable.

Adjournment

Mr. Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Voss, and the motion passed.