

Lincoln Exhibits Committee
Urbana Free Library, Conference Room
210 W. Greet St., Urbana
Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting of the Lincoln Exhibits Committee was convened at 4:32 p.m. by Barbara Wysocki, Committee Chair.

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Kay Grabow, Kent Tucker, Anke Voss, Vern Zehr, Barbara Wysocki. Also Present: Cheryl Kennedy, Barb Garvey of the Early American Museum.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Kent Tucker, second by Ray Cunningham. Motion carried.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Old Business

Updates on Fundraising Letter

Barb reported on her the process adopted by the Clock Tower project. Anke suggested that the Exhibits Committee fundraising effort should be well defined. The Committee reviewed the revised previously proposed levels of giving. It was also suggested that these levels be identified as a range with donations "up to" the stated number identifying those within the category. We should note that all donors will be recognized.

The design for the letterhead was finalized. The address will be listed as P.O. Box 1040, Mahomet, IL 61853. The letter should clearly state that the Exhibits Committee is a collaborative of the County Board and the CCFPD and that all funds will be accepted through the CCFPD Foundation. Motion by Kent Tucker, second by Vern Zehr. Motion carried.

University of Illinois Lincoln Collection

The Commission will be responding to the University's decision to disperse the Lincoln collection. A letter has been drafted to demonstrate our displeasure with their proposal.

Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Updates

The calendar is in progress. The Bicentennial Commission has talked with 40N to get input from the arts community and they are definitely interested in working with this theme. We hope to see this conversation materialize into some additional events. Champaign Park District would like to use something related to Lincoln to feature their new bandshell. Dan McCollum is working on a circuit ride and a filmfest event at the Virginia. Urbana is working on an extensive calendar for Urbana due to the fact that they will be celebrating their 175th anniversary.

Lincoln DVD

The contract is complete and just needs the final signature. Barb and Ray have already been working to pull together the images and material Roger Inman has requested and feel we are on schedule.

Other Business

Wayside Updates

December 31st was the deadline for the initial payment, text and illustrations for the waysides. The courthouse, Homer, and St. Joseph waysides will be completed and sent off to Springfield by the end of the week.

February 2008 Media Event

There was a discussion of using February 12, 2008, as a kick-off for the campaign or a broader announcement of the upcoming Lincoln Bicentennial. This could help us with our approach to potential donors and bring attention to the work of both the Committee and the Commission. Kent suggested we schedule a special meeting to explore this idea. The date was set for Tuesday, January 22nd at 4 p.m. at the library conference room.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 5, 2008, 4:30 p.m., at the Urbana Free Library conference room.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m. Motion by Kent Tucker, second by Vern Zehr. Motion carried.