

**Lincoln Exhibits Committee
Urbana Free Library, Conference Room
210 W. Green St., Urbana
Tuesday, April 1, 2008**

Call to Order

The meeting of the Lincoln Exhibits Committee was convened at 4:30 p.m. by Barbara Wysocki, Committee Chair

Roll Call

Committee members present: Barbara Wysocki, Kent Tucker, Vern Zehr, Anke Voss, John Hoffman, Ray Cunningham, Kay Grabow. Also present: Cheryl Kennedy and Barb Garvey of the Early American Museum.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Kent Tucker, second by John Hoffman. Motion carried.

Approval of March 4, 2008 Minutes

Correction noted: John Hoffman was present at the March meeting. Motion to approve with correction by Kent Tucker, second by Vern Zehr. Motion carried.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Old Business

Fundraising

Committee members reviewed the final format for the letter of appeal, the reply form and the thank you letter. Giving categories need to begin with "up to", list the full range for those in between, and end with "and above". Although the reply form notes that donations are tax deductible, we need to add a tax deductible statement to the thank you form. Motion to approve by Kent Tucker, second by Ray Cunningham. Motion carried.

State Farm Insurance

Dede Akers, a local State Farm agent, shared comments she had received from of the Illinois Operations Center grant administrator related to the case statement draft. The reviewer did not see a tie to education, financial literacy, safety, or community revitalization in the case statement. In relation to education, they are looking for direct serve learning programs or professional learning development opportunities for teachers. Dede shared that she will contact other State Farm agents who have been successful in their grant sponsorship requests. Cheryl will work on the case statement to better reflect education and the teacher development components. She and Dede will visit the courthouse exhibit space and John Hoffman will loan the McLean County CD to demonstrate a recently funded State Farm education project focused on Lincoln. All agreed to continue working on this opportunity and to express our interest and/or need spans into 2009.

Dede also shared information on the Good Neighbor Grant Program. State Farm will donate \$500 to organizations as a match for 40 hours donated time per agent or agency. She plans to contact other agents about the Lincoln project. There could be about 15-16 agents in Champaign County.

Other Organizations/Individuals to Approach

With our fundraising documents now in place, we will begin our mailings and approach with organizations and individuals in the area.

New Business

Bricks and Mortar Grant (CVB)

This grant is very focused on "attracting" visitors. It will be beneficial to apply as companion exhibits to document current visitation numbers. Applications will be accepted beginning May 1 and awards will be made until the money is gone. This is a 50/50 match. If we received the IMLS grant award, we should be able to match with federal dollars.

Other Business

Barb Garvey reported that the DVD is almost complete. The final details require making sure that all the permissions are in and that the credits and permissions match before duplication begins. Cheryl got a 30 day extension so the new deadline is May 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m. Motion by Kent Tucker, second by Ray Cunningham. Motion carried. The next meeting will be May 6th at the Urbana Library Conference Room.