

Lincoln Exhibits Committee
Urbana Free Library, Conference Room
210 W. Greet St., Urbana
Tuesday, May 6, 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, Anke Voss, Ray Cunningham, Kay Grabow. Also present: Cheryl Kennedy and Barbara Garvey of the Early American Museum.

Approval of the Agenda

Additions to the agenda: Illinois Humanities Council grant, Durbin News Conference, Teacher Workshop, Illinois History Survey Lincoln Collection. Motion by Kent Tucker, second by Ray Cunningham. Motion carried.

Approval of April 1, 2008 Minutes

Motion by Kent Tucker, second by Anke Voss. Motion carried.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Old Business

Update on Fundraising

Fifty letters of appeal have been sent. Most were individuals, but a few did go to businesses and organizations. An additional fifty will be mailed in the coming week.

Preview of the DVD

The Committee viewed the final version of the DVD. Cheryl reported that the evaluation report and copies of the DVD had been mailed to the Illinois Commission. The total cost for Moving Pictures plus the fact that we did not include oral interviews represented a significant savings for the overall project. As a result, we were able to increase the number of copies to 1500. This will allow us to distribute copies to a broader list of schools, groups and organizations free of charge.

Barb Wysocki reported that she would announce that the DVD was completed at the County Facilities Committee meeting that evening.

New Business

Update on Courthouse Masonry Project

Denny Inman provided the Committee with the schedule for de-construction and construction of the bell tower. De-construction is scheduled to begin the first week of June and be completed in approximately 2 weeks. Re-construction will begin at that

point and is not expected to be completed until August 2009. The museum space will not be affected, but access will be limited to impossible at times. We will need to determine whether it will be possible to get teachers into this space during the workshop.

Illinois Humanities Council Grant

Cheryl and Barb Garvey reported that they had received official word that the Illinois Humanities Council would fund only the programs requested as part of the grant application.

Senator Durbin Press Conference

Senator Durbin held a news conference at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum on May 5th to announce that the Heritage Area legislation had passed both the Senate and the House and was on the President's desk for his signature.

Teacher Workshop

Registrations are being received and work has begun on the June teacher workshop. Teachers will receive the DVD as part of their resource packet.

Illinois History Survey Lincoln Collection

Committee members reported that they had received word of positive decisions related to the University of Illinois Lincoln Collection and were pleased with the decision.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Lincoln Exhibits Committee is Tuesday, June 3, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m. Motion by Kent Tucker, second by Anke Voss. Motion carried.