

**Lincoln Exhibits Committee**  
**Urbana Free Library, Conference Room**  
**210 W. Green St., Urbana**  
**Tuesday, July 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: Ray Cunningham, Kent Tucker, Kay Grabow, John Hoffman, Vern Zehr, and Barbara Wysocki. Also present: Barb Garvey of the Early American Museum. Absent: Anke Voss and Cheryl Kennedy.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by Kent Tucker, second by Vern Zehr. Motion carried.

**Motion to Approve May 6, 2008 Minutes**

Motion by Kent Tucker, second by Vern Zehr. Motion carried.

**Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**Old Business**

*Fundraising*

Letters of appeal continue to go out and individual donations received to date amount to approximately \$600. Visits to local businesses will begin soon. Committee members were encouraged to continue submitting names and ideas for contact.

Cheryl, Mary Ellen and Barb are working on developing exhibit budgets to focus on various aspects of both the exhibits, but to overlap as well. The end goal is to have enough flexibility to secure support for the basic needs of both exhibits.

*U.S. History Teachers' Workshop*

Kay participated in this workshop. She reported that the first day's trip following the circuit and the narration of Guy Fraker was very interesting. The presentations on the second day revealed how much material is out there for the study of Lincoln in this area. The comments and suggestions from teachers after the visit to the courthouse will be invaluable. They were very excited about the possibilities.

*Wayside Delivery*

The waysides are to be delivered around the end of July. The county will store their wayside at The Gill Building until the clock tower construction is complete and the wayside can be installed. The county is prepared to make this space available to other Champaign County communities as well.

Barbara Wysocki and Cheryl presented information on the Lincoln bicentennial celebration in a study session with the City Council. As a result, the city of Champaign will be submitting a request for a wayside in the second round of production. The also voted to provide support to the Lincoln Film Fest and Champaign Urbana Days in 2009.

### **New Business**

#### *Courthouse Space*

The public defender has initiated a discussion about whether the foyer outside the exhibit space should be divided up to provide a physical separation between the jury assembly room and the public defender's office. This could negatively affect the plans for the exhibit and its use. It could affect other uses as well. Barbara presented a draft of a letter expressing our concern. Kent Tucker moved to authorize Barbara to submit a letter to the sheriff expressing our concern on the committee's behalf. Second by Ray Cunningham. Motion carried.

#### *News-Gazette Calendar of Lincoln Events*

Barbara and Cheryl met with Amy Eckert with The News-Gazette to discuss ways to support the bicentennial. As a result, The News-Gazette has decided to develop a special section in their E3 publication to carry news about the bicentennial and its events. This will include events throughout their coverage area. The News-Gazette will get their information from the state bicentennial calendar.

### **Other Business**

John Hoffman reported that the Abraham Lincoln Association is doing research on Lincoln sculptures and requested information on the Lincoln monolith in West Side Park. Barbara reported that the courthouse has a prototype of this image. There is an article on this at the Archive.

The DVDs are being well received and are available for purchase for \$8.95. It was suggested we see if the book stores might carry them as well.

Kent Tucker distributed flyers about his exhibit and lecture at the Rantoul Library.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Lincoln Exhibits Committee is Tuesday, August 5, 2008.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at Motion by Kent Tucker, second by Ray Cunningham. Motion carried.