

LINCOLN LEGACY COMMITTEE

Urbana Free Library, Conference Room

210 West Green Street, Urbana, IL

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Call to Order

Wysocki called the meeting of the Lincoln Legacy Committee to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Committee members present: Barbara Wysocki, Ray Cunningham, Heather Tucker, Kent Tucker, Anke Voss and Diane Michaels. Others present: none

Approval of the Agenda/ Addendum

Cunningham moved and Michaels seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of the April 24, 2012 minutes

Michaels moved and Voss seconded to approve the minutes as amended to delete "called the exhibit" on page two. Motion carried.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Old Business

- a. General updates

None

New Business

- a. Lincoln Heritage Area Grants – Looking for Lincoln Coalition

Wysocki said the July LHA grants briefing was a disappointing meeting with too many generalities. Voss said the Urbana Free Library does not apply for grants that are under \$5000 due to the staff time needed for such small amounts of money. Wysocki said that localities could just get funds from their communities since there is a match anyway. Michaels said simple grant applications could be worth the trouble, but not always.

K. Tucker moved that the LLC have representation (K. Tucker) at the August briefing and have electronic communication after to decide whether to apply. Michaels seconded. Motion approved.

- b. Memorandum of Understanding – Champaign County and Forest Preserve District

Wysocki said the FPD wishes to go in another direction. She said the FPD is trying to facilitate retirements at the Museum and the FPD. She said the LLC needs to determine the effect of the FPD's action on our direction. H. Tucker said that Cheryl Kennedy noted at our previous meeting that the initial exhibit is finished, but the FPD could participate in smaller exhibits. Wysocki said she will talk to Cheryl Kennedy.

Wysocki described the composition of the current LLC membership. She said it was time to discuss persons to be members of the LLC. She said it was also time to discuss the future redesign of the exhibit. There was a discussion about the inclusion of Civil War re-enactors and the DAR. Voss suggested having middle school students and teachers as well as elementary ones involved.

Wysocki said there was a need to look at the bigger picture of local history and county functions. She said there were a lot of different venues to develop.

H. Tucker asked about the need to deactivate the MOU. Wysocki said the LLC needs to devote upcoming meetings to decide to what direction to move in related to personnel, programming, and coordination with other groups. She said we would start at the next meeting.

c. Status of History in Champaign County

Wysocki said she talked to Joan Dixon. She said Dixon has addressed the board of the Cattle Bank. She said one of Dixon's meetings was a walkthrough, and a second meeting was on the status of the Cattle Bank. Voss said the Cattle Bank appears to have lost its direction. She said the Cattle Bank board is the main steward of a lot of intellectual material. She said there appears to be not much control over that material. Voss said the historical society appears to be moribund.

Cunningham said the Cattle bank and the historical society needs a director and an agenda. There was a discussion of local history in the county. Cunningham said there needs to be a summit on the future of history in Champaign County. Voss said there are many resources available for coordination of the history groups in the county. Michaels suggested a bus tour of the museums and local history sites in the county.

Next meeting

Wysocki said the next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2012

Adjournment

K. Tucker moved and Cunningham seconded to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Kent Tucker

Secretary