

LINCOLN LEGACY COMMITTEE

Urbana Free Library, Conference Room

210 West Green Street, Urbana, IL

Tuesday, October 30, 2012

Call to Order

Wysocki called the meeting of the Lincoln Legacy Committee to order at 5:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Committee members present: Barbara Wysocki, Ray Cunningham, Kay Grabow, Heather Tucker, Kent Tucker, and Diane Michaels. Others present: Ralph Langenheim.

Approval of the Agenda/ Addendum

K. Tucker moved and Michaels seconded to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

Approval of the September, 2012 minutes.

H. Tucker moved and Cunningham seconded to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Old Business

a. General updates

Wysocki presented a promotional map for the Illinois - Michigan Canal Corridor which runs along I-80. She said it could be a model to meet LLC needs to promote Lincoln and other events.

Wysocki said the Museum of the Grand Prairie was having a sneak preview of the new education facility addition tonight. She said she has seen the new facility, and it is state of the art.

b., c., d., Fundraising, Status of the LLC and Status of History in Champaign County.

Wysocki said she would like to discuss these agenda items as a block.

Wysocki said that she talked to Deb Bussey. Bussey said to wait on deciding on the relationship between the LLC and the Forest preserve District until after the first of the year. Wysocki said that Bussey indicated the memorandum of understanding was still in force. She said Bussey said that the funds at the MOGP that were the LLC's could be transferred later. Wysocki said the funds were technically the remaining funds related to the courthouse exhibit.

Wysocki said the Bussey said not to worry about the membership of the LLC. K. Tucker said that we can assume that we serve until reappointed or replaced. Grabow asked about the letter from Cheryl Kennedy terminating a continuous LLC – MOGP relationship. Wysocki said she found no formal Forest Preserve District action on ending the relationship.

Wysocki said that Bussey said there was no problem with the LLC raising funds on its own. We can use the 501(c)(3) status of the county. Wysocki said she went to the Sunrise Coal Company website to see what projects SC funded elsewhere. Cunningham said he would talk to SC representatives but need funding and project parameters. He said he thought of funding in the \$10000 - \$25000 range. H. Tucker said we need to reinvigorate the exhibit. Wysocki said we needed to hire a grad assistant to research new story lines for the exhibit.

K. Tucker we may need to get funding from the wind power companies.

Grabow asked about the shelf life of an exhibit. K. Tucker said about five years. Langenheim said that more space may be needed for a larger exhibit., H. Tucker said that a new hard drive could be added with a second set of stories for the exhibit. K. Tucker said we need to film the exhibit and put it on the web. Cunningham said that he thought early on that was a suggestion for access to the exhibit. There was a discussion about various web outlets.

Wysocki said that putting together short programs for small groups of students was a challenge. Grabow said that there needed to be a better way to get notices out to teachers about events sponsored by the DAR and others.

K. Tucker said we needed a flat screen TV to show the Lincoln in Champaign County DVD on the outside wall while people were viewing the exhibit on the inside.

Cunningham said he would talk to Sunrise Coal. Wysocki said she would talk to Taylor Studios and Joan Dixon.

New Business

a. Holidays Schedule

Wysocki said we may cancel the November meeting and will definitely cancel the December 25 meeting.

Next meeting

Wysocki said the next meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2012.

Adjournment

K. Tucker moved and Cunningham seconded to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Kent Tucker

Secretary