

LINCOLN LEGACY COMMITTEE

Urbana Free Library, Conference Room

210 West Green Street, Urbana, IL

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Call to Order

Wysocki called the meeting of the Lincoln Legacy Committee to order at 5:17 p.m.

Roll Call

Committee members present: Barbara Wysocki, Anke Voss, Ray Cunningham, Kay Grabow, Heather Tucker, and Kent Tucker

Others present: Sarah Watson and Heather Wickens, Looking For Lincoln

Approval of the Agenda/ Addendum

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

Approval of the March 25, 2014 minutes.

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

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Old Business

a. General updates

Wysocki said that Barb Garvey was interested in coming back to the LLC meetings with her staff member Valerie Hall. Wysocki said that Jane Quinlan appreciated being included in the four o'clock discussion group.

b. White Paper

Discussed as part of new business.

New Business

a. Looking for Lincoln Updates and b. Continuation of Future Sustainability

Wysocki said the Lincoln exhibit life was about half over. Voss said that the LLC was formed to advise the Museum of the Grand Prairie to fulfill the charge of the grant for the exhibits at the courthouse and the MOGP. Watson said that the funds for the exhibit came in 2009. Wysocki said that there was about \$7,000 left. H. Tucker said the funds were being used for the courthouse exhibit maintenance and for publications. Wysocki explained that the LLC needed to move forward.

Watson asked if the county board ever decommissioned the LLC. Voss said that we are the original group of members mainly.

Grabow said we are an advisory group looking for a group to advise.

Wysocki said the LLC had an agreement and working connection with the then Early American Museum. She said the memorandum of understanding did not continue after Cheryl Kennedy retired as executive director of the MOGP. Wysocki said we don't know why the Forest Preserve District rescinded the MOU. She said now the MOGP wishes to have representatives at our meetings.

H. Tucker said that the LLC needed a member organization which gives us help with research and public outreach. Watson said that the LFL could help the LLC be the working group in and for the county. Cunningham said most of the county historic groups are moribund. Wysocki said we have reached out to other historic groups. Watson said when the LLC becomes an LFL working group it can receive more assistance from the LFL. Cunningham said we need resources and a charter.

There was a discussion on general tourism.

Watson said the LFL created a foundation to continue activities in case the LFL sunsets in 2023. She said funding will be available in the future.

There was a discussion of new organizational possibilities.

Wysocki said she was encouraged by the comments at the earlier discussion group. She the LLC will keep other county groups and the LFL in the loop about LLC progress. Wysocki asked how we should proceed. K. Tucker said we should meet with others and create a new organization. Wysocki said that need to be thought out. Wysocki said we will continue to discuss our future.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Wysocki said that K. Tucker said the next meeting was scheduled for April 22*.

Adjournment

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

Kent Tucker

Secretary

*Actually April 29, 2014