

## LINCOLN LEGACY COMMITTEE

Urbana Free Library, Archives Room

210 West Green Street, Urbana, IL

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

### **Call to Order**

Wysocki called the meeting of the Lincoln Legacy Committee to order at 5:03 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

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

Others present: None

a. Introduction of Jack Anderson, County Board Liaison

Wysocki introduced Jack Anderson who gave his background.

### **Approval of the Agenda/ Addendum**

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

### **Approval of the April 29, 2014 minutes.**

Anderson moved and Voss seconded to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

The LLC members reminded K. Tucker there was an August 26, 2014 meeting. He said he would retrieve them for the next meeting.

### **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

### **Old Business**

a. General update

H. Tucker said there was a Lincoln exhibit at the U. of I. She asked if there were any printed cards of our exhibit to place at the U. of I. Tucker said that Dr. John Hoffmann was in charge of the exhibit.

Wysocki said she went to Springfield to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum two weeks ago. She said in April and May there will be special events related to the Sesquicentennial of the Funeral in Springfield. She said there is going to be the annual lectures related to Lincoln's birthday. Wysocki said on February 12<sup>th</sup>, Steve Beckett will be hosting a trip to the court house for Girl Scouts. She said the sheriff will open the court house for them. Grabow asked about a group going to the exhibit. Wysocki said that 25 honor students were coming on February 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

#### a. Discussion of the LLC membership survey

Anderson asked how the county supports the exhibit. H. Tucker said there was no money, but there was court house space and staff to allow room and access to the exhibit.

Wysocki said she would like to go through the survey to establish the LLC members' feelings prior to future discussions with the county board and other groups.

Grabow asked about the vacant space where the law offices were located on the corner of Race and Green. She said the library building was more prominent and beautiful without the corner building. Voss said some lawyers in Indiana owned it.

##### 1. Location of the exhibit

Cunningham said we should agree to stay in the court house as there is nowhere else to go. Anderson asked if the exhibit needed more space. Voss said the mall would be an excellent place except for the security issue. Wysocki said to expand, the exhibit concept would have to be reviewed. Wysocki gave a history of the exhibit. Voss said the current location is good in some ways, but the exhibit hours and access are restricted. Grabow said people wanted the exhibit in the court house because Lincoln practiced law in Urbana.

##### 2. Signage

The group wanted more evident signage.

##### 3. Update.

The group agreed there should be an update in exhibit technology.

##### 4. Exhibit connection with other groups

Anderson asked if the exhibit needed to expand beyond the court house. H. Tucker said we are not experts, and the exhibit needs a professional for management. Wysocki and Voss gave more exhibit history and the current arrangement with the sheriff.

##### 5. Sheriff Department role

Cunningham said the court house is a controlled space. H. Tucker asked if the sheriff staff has to be the first contact. Wysocki said the Sheriff's control determines the current arrangement.

##### 6. Sheriff Department as sole determinant of contact

The LLC members indicated the department should not be the sole determinant of other exhibits next to the Lincoln exhibit.

##### 7. Docents

The group decided docents are needed.

##### 8. Private funding continued

Voss said to maintain sustainability, public funding would be needed. Anderson asked how much funding. There was a discussion of types and amounts of funding.

9. Funding under the auspices of the LLC.

K. Tucker said that was the only way for the LLC to maintain control of the exhibit.

10. Other people on the LLC in addition to current members

Voss said we need to determine our direction before bringing others on the committee.

There was a general discussion on the LLC budget, outreach, fundraising, and mission with agreement to discuss the issues at the next and future meetings.

#### **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting**

The next meeting will be February 24, 2015.

#### **Adjournment**

K. Tucker moved and Cunningham seconded to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Kent Tucker

Secretary