

LINCOLN LEGACY COMMITTEE

Urbana Free Library, Ground Floor Conference Room
210 East Green Street, Urbana, IL

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Call to Order

Chairman Wysocki called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Committee members present were Barbara Wysocki, Anke Voss, Ray Cunningham and Kay Grabow.

Others present: none

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Cunningham moved, and Ms. Voss seconded, to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Approval of the minutes

Ms. Voss moved, and Ms. Grabow seconded, to approve the minutes from April 25, 2017. The motion carried.

Public Participation

There was no public participation

OLD BUSINESS

General Updates

One Courthouse tour is scheduled for August, a group of eleven adult students. Ms. Wysocki will arrange and conduct the tour.

Ms. Wysocki is working on preparing a yearly report for the County Board.

Fall History Event

Ms. Voss will check the library schedule and set a date for a Sunday afternoon in October for the Local and Family History Fair. The fair will be held in the Urbana Free Library Auditorium, with the library providing tables for displays and refreshments.

The Lincoln Legacy Committee will be a participant, and Ms. Voss and Ms. Wysocki will contact other entities including the Homer Historical Society, the Champaign County History Museum, the Rantoul Historical Society, the Museum of the Grand Prairie, the University of Illinois Archives, and Dan McCollum to invite them to participate.

The participating groups or individuals will be asked to bring handouts, artifacts, and possibly interactive activities for adults and children. Kent Tucker has offered to bring items from his collection of Lincoln memorabilia. Suggestions for displays include computers for searching family information, genealogy charts, preservation tips, books for sale, sign-ups for giving oral histories, and information on dating photographs. Ms. Voss will request hand-outs to give away from archival companies, and she will make a suitable announcement about the event which can be shared on social media.

NEW BUSINESS

The Lincoln Legacy Committee has received no new information about the Illinois Bicentennial. Ms. Wysocki is on the call list for Sen. Scott Bennett if there is news about Bicentennial events.

Ms. Grabow asked if it would be possible for the Courthouse Lincoln Exhibit to be a part of the Looking for Lincoln Passport project. Ms. Wysocki will contact Circuit Clerk Katie Blakeman to see if the Courthouse staff would be able to accommodate visitors who wanted to have their "passports" stamped.

Ms. Wysocki reported on her tour of the Vermilion County Historical Museum. She was very favorably impressed.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting of the Lincoln Legacy Committee will be on October 24, 2017. This is one week earlier than the regularly scheduled date in order to avoid conflict with Halloween activities.

Adjournment

Mr. Cunningham moved, and Ms. Grabow seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

The minutes were taken by Kay Grabow, in the absence of Kent Tucker.