



Minutes of the February 7, 2008 meeting of the  
**Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission of Lincoln, Illinois.**

The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission of Lincoln, Illinois met in Lincoln City Hall on February 7, 2008. Members present included: Mayor Davis-Kavelman, Shirley Bartelmay, Paul Beaver, Darlene Begolka, Ron Keller, Geoff Ladd, Brian Messner (for Keith Ray), Wanda Lee Rohlf, and Richard Sumrall. Paul Gleason was absent.

Ron called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM. Paul B. made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes, and Mayor Davis-Kavelman seconded.

**Announcements.** Commissioners announced the following upcoming events:

- o Shirley Bartelmay: Arts & Crafts Guild @ Postville Courthouse, Feb 9, 10-4.
- o Mayor Davis Kavelman: Heritage Days fundraising breakfast @ American Legion, Feb. 10, 8-12:30.
- o Paul Beaver: Lincoln Day Dinner @ Lincoln College, Feb. 10, 6 PM.
- o Geoff Ladd: Open House @ Mt. Pulaski Courthouse, Feb 12, 12-4
- o Richard Sumrall: Brian Fox Ellis @ Public Library, March 5, 5-7 PM.

**Old Business – Bicentennial Day (July 3<sup>rd</sup>) during Heritage Days**

- o Ron had spoke with Lincoln presenters Max and Donna Daniels about a program for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> event. They have several programs available, particularly one about the Gettysburg Address, since the battle of Gettysburg was on that day. The program would be roughly a half-hour, and the charge would be approximately \$250. The Mayor suggested that Heritage Days could cover the expensed. The Mayor made a motion to book them for the program, and Paul B. seconded. Motion passed. They will be on stage approximately 6:30 PM.
- o The Mayor announced that there will be a Roasted Chicken Picnic Dinner from 5-6:30. Culver's will donate ice cream again, and Lincoln College will provide the cake. The Mayor suggested a band in between but no action was taken.
- o Wanda Lee said that she had talked with Ruth about the "ghost tour" idea, but nothing new to report.

**Restaging of 1858 event**

- o Ron reported that the committee formed for the restaging met. Minutes of that meeting were distributed.
- o Brian reported that LCC does not have proper clothing for this event for volunteers.

- Wanda Lee will call the costume shop to see for period clothing.
- Richard will update the call for volunteers to include the restaging event.
- Nancy will put in the Courier a call out for horses, wagons, young ladies, and volunteers to costume themselves.

#### **Possible marker for 1858 rally on Courthouse lawn**

- Geoff suggested that perhaps Tourism and Heritage Days might split the cost of the marker, with the County helping out as well.
- Paul B. reported that he had checked with Manley Monuments and the Illinois State Historical Society. He suspected that the cost of a sign will be approximately \$3000.
- Richard and Paul will do further research on options

#### **Ravinia Music Festival**

- Ron reported that Welz Kaufman will be at Lincoln College on March 11 for an informational meeting on the State Commission Lincoln Concert project they are working on. Several commissioners proposed possible locations.

#### **New Business – August 27 Christening**

- Geoff said that Tourism would put together the christening re-enactment.

#### **Other previous projects and ideas still on the table:**

- Special art categories in Art & Balloon Festival
- Commission special painting of 1858 Lincoln rally
- Abraham Lincoln Chautauqua at Lincoln College
- Marketing of *From Surveyor to President* video
- Selling souvenir postcards with Feb 12, 2009 postmark from Lincoln, IL
- Writing articles on various Lincoln topics for *Courier*
- Lincoln scholars panel jointly at LC and LCC
- Develop educational programs for local schools/ community
- "Lincoln in Lincoln" special exhibit at LC Museum
- Songfest downtown or stage an old-time theatre
- 1850's fashion show (Shirley volunteered Postville to be a host site)

Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Darlene seconded. The commission adjourned at 6:06 PM. **The next meeting will be on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM at City Hall.**