

MINUTES
ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

9:30 am

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PRESENT

Trustees

Gary Johnson, Chair

Steve Beckett **(by phone)**

Joan Brodsky

Jessica Harris

Kathryn Harris **(by phone)**

Melinda Spitzer Johnston

Jason Lesniewicz

Dan Monroe **(by phone)**

Martin Sandoval

Eunice Santos **(absent)**

Tiffany Mathis

Staff

Christina Shutt, Executive Director

Melissa Coultas, Chief of Staff

Toby Trimmer, Chief Operating Officer

Dave Kelm, General Counsel, Ethics Officer, FOIA Officer

Hannah Ross, Executive Assistant

Lauren Dodge, Development Director

Public Comment

No public comment

Consent Items

Minutes from October 19, 2022, Public Meeting

Trustee Tiffany Mathis motioned to approve October 19, 2022, public meeting minutes. Trustee Mindy Spitzer- Johnston seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Report of the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed members and staff and shared history about Lincoln's time in Chicago.

Executive Director Report

The ALPLM had around 150,000 visitors last year, 35% higher than in 2021. We saw a lot of new faces this holiday season by staying open Wednesday and Saturday nights. During these extended hours, we hosted the Copper Coin Ballet Company, they performed their rendition of the Nutcracker, with tickets selling out every performance.

In March 2023, our new exhibit, "*Here I Have Lived: Home in Illinois*," will open with 31 diverse stories from individuals that lived in Illinois.

The ALPLM recently launched our Lincoln 3-D images online and received a lot of press.

Our membership program, Team Lincoln, surpassed its goal by signing up 685 families this year.

The ALPLM created a "volunteer" program for the summer to expand our volunteer opportunities to different demographics.

The State of Sound exhibit created in-house will be traveling to Navy Pier from the end of April until the end of August this year.

Chief of Staff Report

We have completed background checks on all our current volunteers.

The ALPLM is continuing our partnership with Illinois College and The University of Chicago to expand our internship program.

At the end of the year, we had numerous retirements of longtime staff members.

The fiscal team is preparing for next year's budget and the paperwork required by the General Assembly before our budget hearing.

While continuing to work on issues with our Facebook account, we are exploring other social media platforms.

Chief Operating Officer Report

Some of ALPLM's accomplishments listed in our 2022 annual report included: finishing the core document piece of accreditation; the Abe for All program; the mission statement with core values; the nursing room; the winter farmers market with DSI; 3-D collection.

During the holiday, we had a sprinkler break in the ghost theater, which pumped a copious amount of water into the theater, but with our emergency plan, we could open the theater to patrons within a week.

The Stories of Survival exhibit will be closing at the end of January.

Chief Legal Officer Report

Since the last board meeting, we received two FOIA requests that were addressed quickly.

With the new year comes new training board members need to complete. Economic interest statements and the annual revolving door notice will be due soon.

Development Director Report

Lauren is from Champaign-Urbana, with three degrees from the University of Illinois. Her career has been in higher education, specifically in academic librarianship, then advancement.

Since starting at the ALPLM, she has taken much time gathering data, meeting internal stakeholders, and finding the needs and wants of the agency.

New Business

- Discussion and Vote on Outgoing Loans
 - The Indiana State Museum requests to borrow the Andrew Jackson Smith congressional medal of honor and a silver spoon used by Lincoln.

Trustee Tiffany Mathis motioned to approve the Indiana State Museum loan request. Trustee Martin Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - The Union Museum of History and Art in Louisiana requests to borrow a traveling exhibit titled "American Visionary: John F. Kennedy Life and Times".

Trustee Martin Sandoval motioned to approve the Union Museum of History and Art loan request. Trustee Melinda Spitzer-Johnston seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- The Governor's mansion requests two paintings, one of Ninian Edwards and a portrait of Lincoln by George Story, to replace the painting being removed from the mansion to use in ALPLM's upcoming exhibit.

Trustee Tiffany Mathis motioned to approve the Governor's mansion loan request for two paintings and the removal of one painting. Trustee Mindy Spitzer-Johnston seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Discussion and vote on the revised FY23 trust fund spending plan.

Trustee Tiffany Mathis motioned to approve the revised FY23 trust fund spending plan. Trustee Jessica Harris seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Discussion and Vote on Board meeting dates, times, and locations

- Wednesday, April 19, 2023. July 19, 2023. October 18, 2023. January 17, 2024.

Trustee Tiffany Mathis motioned to approve the meeting dates with one amended date. Trustee Jessica Harris seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Discussion and Vote on the revised Venue Rentals policy

Trustee Tiffany Mathis motioned to approve the revised venue rentals policy. Trustee Mindy Spitzer-Johnston seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Trustee Tiffany Mathis motioned to go into a closed session. Trustee Mindy Spitzer-Johnston seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting went to a closed session at 10:55 am

The public meeting resumed at 11:45 am

Resumption of New Business

Discussion and Vote on Closed Session Business

Trustee Tiffany Mathis motioned that on an annual basis, ALPLM's Executive Director salary be effective January 1, 2023, increased to \$214,600.

The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Trustee Mindy Spitzer-Johnston motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Martin Sandoval seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.