

SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 18, 2012

Present: Don Gillette, Peggy Schneider, Elaine Baker, Mike Dougherty, Jim Reilly, Alaina Rivers, Heidi Eisert and Nancy Stisser.

Absent: Joyce Kellogg, Wayne Eichelkraut, Jani Eichelkraut, Phyllis Revell.

Minutes: September minutes were read and approved on a motion by Jim and a second by Elaine.

New Business

Funding Request: The WHL Wallace Memorial Committee requested \$3,485 for an April 19-21, 2013, program “Lincoln & His Generals: LaSalle County at War,” honoring Ottawa native and Civil War general Wallace. The event would take place at Reddick Mansion, Washington Square and the Jordan Block and would include a military encampment, Civil War band and tours of the Wallace gravesite.

Action: The committee wanted to hear more about the event and the activities to be included and how funding will be used, so it tabled the request until organizers could attend the November meeting to give details.

Old Business

Festival of Lights Parade: Alaina and Heidi presented designs for full-sized floats from ABC Floats, and the committee authorized securing six holiday-themed floats. Three lighted floats – the Grinch, an angel and a ringing bell – will be ordered from Shirley’s Floats. Also joining the parade will be a Santa Fe Train float. The cost of the floats and musical entries in the parade total \$6,940.

The committee discussed who would be invited to ride on the larger floats, and how to transport Santa and Mrs. Claus. ABC Floats agreed to install a bench and a grab bar for Santa on one of the floats.

The parade is Nov. 23 and deadline for entries is Nov. 19.

Committee Appointments: The committee is still waiting to hear the determination of city employees’ right to vote on committee issues.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider.