Old Courthouse Museum  March 4, 2008  9:00 a.m.

Present:  Mary A. Krumbiegel, Maurice Strupp, Kenneth W. Brandt, and Daniel R. Knodl.
Excused: Herbert J. Tennies.

Also Present: 4-H Youth Development Educator/Department Head Kandi O’Neil, Nutrition Education Coordinator Renee Vertin, Nutrition Educator Pattie Carroll, Historical Society Executive Director Chip Beckford, Fair Park Director Nancy Justman, Deputy Fair Park Director/Fair Manager Sandy Lang, and Karen Rupnow, Deputy County Clerk.

Chairwoman Krumbiegel called the meeting to order and read the Affidavit of Posting.

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Moved by Mr. Strupp, seconded by Mr. Brandt to approve the minutes of February 4, 2008, as presented.  Motion carried.

FAIR PARK BUILDING UPDATE

Ms. Justman distributed copies of the plans for the new building and gave an overview.  Since the two buildings will be only 80 feet apart, they will be able to put a temporary tarp between if the buildings are being used together.  Steps have been taken to ensure good sound quality in the new building.  The building will be called the Ziegler Family Exposition Center.  Naming rights are still available for some rooms and for the current pavilion.

The building is on schedule to be open for the 2008 Washington County Fair.  Completion is scheduled for July 18, 2008 and the fair opens July 22, 2008.

Ms. Lang discussed the placement of different exhibits for the fair that will be relocated due to the new building.

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR PARK UPDATE – NANCY JUSTMAN

Ms. Justman distributed a copy of the new fair logo, which highlights the 150th anniversary.  The featured fair honoree this year is Sandy Lang, in the form of Sandy Sunshine.  Fair entertainment is coming along nicely.  Tuesday night the admission will be $1.50.  There may be some carnival specials on Tuesday and there will be an antique tractor parade as well as a tractor pull that day.  The rodeo will be on Wednesday.  The entertainment on Thursday will be Chase & Mason opening for Phil Vasser.  Friday’s entertainment is not yet verified.  On Saturday, Styx will be opening for Boston, and the Sunday entertainment will be the truck pull.

On Saturday there will be shuttle service because they anticipate a parking shortage.  Riteway bus has offered to do the shuttle free of charge.  They currently are looking at two potential sites for the parking and the shuttle.

Concern was expressed by members of the committee regarding emergency evacuation and other possible security issues.  Ms. Krumbiegel stated that she will check with Mr. Johnson about the matter and Ms. Justman will also look into the matter.

In August there is another large event scheduled.  The Hog Haven event will bring 50,000 to 70,000 people to the county.  There are some RV sites and some camping sites available for the event.  Hotels are sold out from Kenosha to Green Bay.  The only national entertainment scheduled during the event is on Wednesday, August 27, and that is Lynyrd Skynyrd.  Wednesday only there will be motorcycle only parking in the lot and anyone else will have to come on the shuttle from Moraine Park Technical College.

Ms. Justman stated that they currently are working on updating the Fair Park master plan, which has been presented to the AIS Board and will probably be ready for this committee at the April meeting.  U.S. Cellular has requested putting a permanent cell tower on the northeast end of the park grounds.  Options are being explored with Doug Johnson, but they would prefer waiting until after the fair and the Harley event.  Having it would improve cell phone quality on the grounds as well as bring in some additional revenue.
Ms. Krumbiegel and Mr. Knodl commented that the meeting was very well organized and very interesting. They thought it was very beneficial to be able to talk to the legislators on a one-to-one basis. It was also helpful to be able to meet with individuals from other counties and exchange ideas.

Ms. O’Neil distributed the monthly UW-Extension brochure on educators’ activities and discussed some of the items.

Ms. Vertin introduced Nutrition Educator Pattie Carroll, who started her employment on January 1, 2008. Ms. Carroll explained that her position is a 50% position and she has been going through two months of training. Ms. Carroll gave a presentation of a “Money for Food” class that she presents to adult learners who want to learn how to stretch their food dollars.

Mr. Beckford distributed copies of the Washington County Historical Society report and the 2008 Events Calendar, and reviewed the highlights on both.

The next meeting of the Education & Culture Committee will be Monday, March 31, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.

Moved by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Strupp to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. Motion carried.

Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk