

**Wyoming Semiquincentennial (250th) Meeting**

August 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Torrington - Eastern Wyoming College

Meeting #9

**\*Call to Order** - Representative Sandy Newsome, Task Force Chairman

**\*Roll Call** - Kate Barlow

1. Chairman Wendy Schuler
2. Chairman Sandy Newsome
3. Deputy Director Nick Neylon
4. Councilwoman His Chase
5. The Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction
6. Dr. Paul Flesher
7. Justice Gray
8. Cindy Brown
9. Greg Blikre
10. Kevin Voyles
11. Joanna Kail
12. Shawn Reese

Guests: Dominic Bravo, Dean Peterson, Nathaniel Trelease

**\*Update from the Chairman** - Representative Sandy Newsome, Task Force Chairman

## \*Committee Reports

**-Community Outreach:** Co-Chairman Shawn Reese: Met last week. The local organizational structure and the local guidebook for Wyoming's specific resources were discussed. WyAA has started drafting the resource guide. Waiting on the go-ahead from the Governor's office.

- Justice Gray: Letter to communities and groups letting them know where we are at introducing logo and themes - Nick is going to draft

**-250th Events at the Capitol:** Justice Gray meeting monthly, General Porter is included, the City of Cheyenne (Nathaniel Trelease) has agreed to participate. Wyoming's replica of the Liberty Bell has been located has broken cradle. Placement on the capitol grounds will have to go through the CAMP committee. Would like to have placement and rededication of the bell in July of 2025.

Nathaniel Trelease Presentation: What the Cheyenne committee is planning. The presentation shared with the group via Kate and/or Nick.

**-K-12 Curriculum:** Superintendent Degenfelder: A lot of moving parts right now, going to get the subcommittee back together. The civics platform launched a few months ago. August of 2025 conference for teachers working on numbers and details.

**-Marketing:** Diane Shober: Shober is not here. The revised logo has been approved by Governor, firm finishing up .

**-Fundraising/Grants/Legislative Appropriation:** Representative Newsome and NickNeylon - quote for grants platform \$11,000.00 - Motion by Justice Gray to sign contract 2nd by Greg. Do we want to require a match for grants? For discussion with the committee. Concerns about the timing of grants and getting things under contract. Nick and the grants

committee are going to put together grant parameters. Limit and match requirements. Needs and resources of smaller communities. Support from the local 250th committee, seed money for communities. Simple grant application process. Maybe more than one grant cycle.

**\*Old Business**

**\*New Business** - Report on America250 Convening of States from Gregg Blikre and Nick Neylon - Report from America 250th Conference in DC. Notes shared with the group.

- TA Larson Book update - Update the textbook used in schools for Wyoming history would be better. Wyoming history in 76 objects a nod to this. The biggest issue is figuring out who has the expertise. Sofl needs to be included in this conversation. Needs might be different than a text book. Chairman Schuler going to bring it up with education committee.

**\*Next meeting date and time** - Monday, September 9, 2024 - Casper

Action Items:

- Kate will run two lights for tomorrow by Governor