

## Wyoming Semiquincentennial (250th) Meeting

January 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Virtual  
Meeting #14  
Minutes

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

**\*Roll Call** - Kate Barlow

- Justice Kari Gray
- Nick Neylon
- Diane Shober
- Greg Blikre
- Cindy Brown
- Kevin Voyles
- Joanna Kail designee Emily Cook
- Shawn Reese, Co-Chairman
- Rebecca West
- Superintendent Degenfelder designee Nathan Tedjeske

**\*Update from the Chairman** - Representative Sandy Newsome, Task Force Chairman - No update

**\*Committee Reports**

**-Community Outreach:** Co-Chairman Shawn Reese - not met in the new year yet completed the guide for community activities

**-250th Events at the Capitol:** Justice Gray - meeting monthly. Last meeting Christina Bird from Historic Governor's Mansion, who will join this Committee moving forward. Committee working on specific calendar and how city of Cheyenne events will work with our events including fireworks. Possible donor dinner July 3rd in Rotunda.

**-K-12 Curriculum:** Superintendent Degenfelder designee (Nathan Tedjeske). Statewide Teacher conference next fall (August 4th/5th), civics and 250th. Building a list of partners.

**-Marketing:** Diane Shober - Media buy this summer. The website is going well. Approximate \$103K remaining to begin July 2025 placement.

**-Fundraising/Grants/Legislative Appropriation:** Grants to counties and tribes are out. Have heard from 4 different counties, doing some presentations to counties as they get

underway. Statewide organizations to submit LOI to this Committee. Phase 2, hopefully going out this month, is similar to Phase 1. Marketing is working to push out using the marketing plan. Deadlines: Phase 1 end of June, Phase 2 end of 2025. Committee to review applications: Cindy, Greg, Shawn, Rebecca, Justice Gray, and Kate will sit in as available for context.

**\*Old Business** - Nick stopped in to take a look at the liberty bell, team is working hard on it and photo-documenting progress. Metal structure with a big wooden beam. As it gets closer to being done we will need concrete plans on where we are going to put it; Justice Gray is working with the committee to find a place.

**\*New Business** - None

**\*Next meeting date and time** - Monday, February 10, 2025

**Action Items:**

- KATE: Talk to comms about the press release, maybe friday? - Nick is sending a draft press release.
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