

Wyoming Semiquincentennial (250th) Meeting

May 13, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Buffalo Bill Center of the West
Meeting #6
AGENDA

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

***Roll Call** - Kate Barlow

- Senator Wendy Schuler
- Representative Sandy Newsome
- Superintendent Degenfelder
- Teresa His Chase
- Nick Neylon
- Director Shober
- Dr. Paul Flesher
- Greg Blikre
- Justice Gray
- Cindy Brown
- Kevin Voyles
- Shawn Reese
- Rebecca West

***Update from the Chairman:** Kate reported on the Governor's thoughts. He would like State Parks and Cultural Resources to run the upcoming grant program, and would like to see a joint Governor's Office/250th Task Force letterhead.

***Committee Reports**

Community Outreach: Co-Chairman Shawn Reese

- 1) Coordination with local events: Presented to WCCA and WAM - asked them to come to us with ideas - Nick and Shawn will report back after follow-up meetings with groups. WCCA and WAM are comfortable with consensus based local groups. Interested in Pro Rata distributions in addition to competitive grants.

- 2) Statewide: Met with Wyoming Arts Council they have a number of statewide programs that may have ability to partner with. Book of Wyoming structured around a set number (76) of historic artifacts and places in Wyoming, maybe counties and Tribes could propose things too.
- 3) Guidebook and Resources: Committee has not met but will be soon

250th Events at the Capitol: Justice Gray: Set a regular monthly meeting. Looking at the whole capitol complex. Good idea to include someone from the city of Cheyenne. Approval from the Governor includes TAG. Monthly events starting July 2025. Have a tentative budget, \$150, 000.00. Ideas for other committees: Capitol for the day, lesson plans for 4th graders, commemorative coins. Going to refine budget, and get Kate a number and refined scope of

K-12 Curriculum: Superintendent Degenfelder: Curriculum portal and teacher conference. Themed around Wyoming and civics education. Fall conferences in 2025 give them the tools to get kids pumped up in the proceeding school year.

Marketing: Diane Shober: Using existing vendors to develop the logo (should be ready 1st of June), marketing budget and proposal. Contact with Madden media for microsite for taskforce, July 1, 2024 phase 1, October 31, 2024 phase 2. Initial Website covered under WOT, will need budget for maintenance in new Bienimum. Will have an approval process for everything that goes on to the website.

Fundraising/Grants/Legislative Appropriation: Representative Newsome and Nick Neylon: Not much to report. There might be some grant opportunities out there.

*Old Business

*New Business

- Nick: Sara Sheen idea that 2026 is a perfect connection to sponsoring a marathon
- Shawn: Chip interested in participating

*Next meeting date and time - Monday, June 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m., Evanston

Discuss Next Time

- Criteria for what goes on the website