

## Wyoming Semiquincentennial (250th) Meeting

September 9, 2024, 10:00 a.m.  
Casper College - Gateway Building - Room GW404

### Meeting #10 Minutes

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

**\*Roll Call** - Kate Barlow

- Representative Sandy Newsome
- Senator Wendy Schuler
- Justice Kari Gray
- Diane Shober and Piper Singer
- Dr. Paul Flesher
- Greg Blikre
- Cindy Brown
- Kevin Voyles
- Joanna Kail
- Shawn Reese
- Rebecca West

Guests: Tina Hoebelheinrich, Casper Chamber; Aley Philp, Wyoming Historical Society; Tom Ray, Wyohistory.org

**\*Update from the Chairman** - Representative Sandy Newsome, Task Force Chairman: Want to get the grant process rolling quickly, set up sub-committee Newsome, Shawn, Shober, Nick - others willing if needed: Dr. Flesher, Senator Schuler

Auditor's Office is working on moving funding to parks from tourism  
Destination development guidelines could help develop grant guidelines  
WOT will bring their fiscal folks

**\*Committee Reports**

- **-Community Outreach:** Co-Chairman Shawn Reese - met on 8/24 and talked about proposals from the arts council for statewide programming. 1) statewide song competition (21K) 2) 250th song all (5k) 3) Art competition category. (Want to present \$

request to the Governor) . Mural competition at the local level would be better as a grant application - will discuss a set aside in the grant subcommittee.

Local guidebook: Cindy has been leading working on draft with a wide range of activities and projects

Representative Newsome: PowerPoint presentation to share with communities, willing to go around the state and give presentations

Wyoming State Chamber conference in October - would be happy to have a presentation from task force.

- **-250th Events at the Capitol:** Justice Gray meets monthly, and assigns committee members to events pieces. Supreme Court is going to hold quarterly sessions in historical chambers, four sister presentations, reaching out to performers
- **-K-12 Curriculum:** Superintendent Degenfelder - asking for a report from the committee
  - US Chamber Civics B is coming up 7th and 8th graders. Going to keep us in the loop for 2026
- **-Marketing:** Diane Shober - committee has not met. The website is up and running. Going to start looking at media buying and early media in line with grant process coming out.
- **-Fundraising/Grants/Legislative Appropriation:** Representative Newsome and Nick Neylon - grant group going to be meeting - need to be thinking about sponsorships is there a way to do sponsorships on the website? Justice Gray - should we consider hiring a fundraiser?
- Will there be a media kit? Yes, media kit will be available on website

#### **\*Old Business**

- Letter Nick is drafting for communities

#### **\*New Business**

- Outreach to communities
- A lot of content out there we can repurpose
- Travel stories - expensive, and there are limitations

Changing Next meeting to Laramie October 14th. - Dr. Flesher is booking a room