

Semiquincentennial Commission Meeting
Thursday, March 23, 2023 **12:00-1:00 CDT**

History Nebraska - Capitol View Room
1500 R Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

In Person and by Zoom

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 by Jill Dolberg, Interim Director of History Nebraska. She referenced that the legal notice required by state statute was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on March 17, 2023 and that the meeting is in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call

PRESENT - Candace Cain, Dan Curran, Jill Dolberg, Gwen Easter, Tyeisha Kosmicki, Deb Loseke

ABSENT - Don Arp, Jeff Barnes, Roy Christensen, Heath Mello

LATE ARRIVAL- Christina Castro-Matukewicz (12:13), Marisa Payzant (12:31)

Review of Minutes from the December 1, 2022 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from December 1, 2022

Motion by: Candace Cain

Second by: Dan Curran

Yes: 6

No: 0

Motion adopted

Tyler Vacha joined the meeting virtually at 12:12

Cristina Castro-Matukewicz joined the meeting at 12:13

Committee Discussion and Updates

There is a need to recruit four more volunteers to join the commission. We would like to have the Native American community represented.

Subcommittees established during the last meeting include:

- Social Media Subcommittee (publicity, content development, logo design contest) - *Deb Loseke*
- Finance Subcommittee (to manage the budget and allocations) - *No Members*
- Fundraising Subcommittee (to gather partners) - *Roy Christensen, Tyeisha Kosmicki, Tyler Vacha*
 - Tyler Vacha from the History Nebraska Foundation can hold the monies received
- Community Relations Subcommittee - *Jeff Barnes, Candace Cain, Tyeisha Kosmicki*

The idea was brought to include an Educational Resources Subcommittee which would reach out to school districts and various clubs throughout the state. Educational Resources could also develop tools such as the video for the Nebraska 150th celebration.

- Educational Resources Subcommittee - *Candace Cain, Jill Dolberg*

American Association of State and Local Historians (AASLH) virtual meeting on March 31, 2023, will be discussing projects that other states are working on, ideas on how to increase awareness, and how to support history educators. Those attending will be Gwen Easter, Jill Dolberg, and Candace Cain.

Marisa Payzant joined the meeting virtually at 12:31

Ideas generated:

- A Taste of Nebraska Cookbook
- Food Truck Wars
- Book with 250 Things - food, people, things
- Collaborate with Pomeroy Foundation - "Hungry for History" Markers
- Commemorative License Plate public contest with public voting to determine the winner
- What has been Nebraska's contribution to the United States' 250-year history?
- Student writing contests
- Celebrations to include residents state-wide, not just Lincoln and Omaha
- Booth at Nebraska State Fair with a possible proclamation
- Same concert across the state on the same day

Possible Sponsors:

- Nebraska Corn Council
- Nebraska Beef Council

A good possibility that a new Social Studies Director will be hired soon and this person will be added to the committee. Marissa Payzant will also be staying on this committee.

Dan Curran left the meeting at 12:43

Meeting Adjourned at 12:57

Submitted by:

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**Approved by the Commission
June 21, 2023**