



WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 1, 2018 11:30 am
Santa Clara City Hall, Santa Clara, UT

Welcome:

- President Lesa Sandberg called the meeting to order at 11:48 am.
- The prayer was offered by Jimi Kestin and the pledge was led by Jason Chaffetz.
- Dignitaries present were: Courtney Brinkerhoff representing Senator Hatch, Bette Ariel representing Senator Mike Lee, Washington County Commissioner Dean Cox, Washington County Attorney Brock Belnap, Washington County Republican Party Chair Jimi Kestin, WCRP vice Chair Celeste Maloy, WCRP Treasurer John Olsen, St. George City Mayor Jon Pike, St. George City Council members Michele Randall, Bette Ariel and Ed Baca. Kimberly Hancock confirmed that a quorum was present and official business could be conducted.

Business:

- A **motion** to approve the minutes from the WCRW February Luncheon was made by Judy Houston, seconded by Yolie Klawitter and approved by the membership
- A **motion** to approve the budget was made by LaStar, seconded by Judy Bozeman and approved by the membership
- WCRW Funds reported as \$19,668.99 in our business account.
- Membership report was given by 1st VP over Membership Kimberly Hancock. There are 70 Members, 19 Associate Members and 44 Gem Members. Member prizes were awarded.
- Charlotte Devlin acknowledged March birthdays.

Scholarship Report:

- Embracing Our Heroes Scholarship Chair Judy Houston gave the report. The scholarship was formed to assist our military spouses with their education especially due to the fact that our military members were coming home from being deployed in dangerous places with debilitating injuries. Wilma Courtney made quilts, raffled them and raised over \$30,000. Each year WCRW will donate \$1000 to the scholarship. Five dollars of your luncheon price will go to the scholarship.
- Judy was presented a check for \$ to go the scholarship.

Spotlight:

Cleo Atkin spotlighted WCRW Historian Kellee Hinds. Kellee is from Michigan. She is married to Lyle, has 4 children and 9 grandchildren. She worked for SG police department. Now she runs her own business. She is a smart, patriotic accomplished Washington County Republican Woman!

Introduction of our guest speaker Jason Chaffetz

by President Lesa Sandberg.

Congressman Jason Chaffetz is a Contributor on Fox News Networks and is currently writing a book for HarperCollins about the Deep State.

Jason Chaffetz was elected to Congress in 2008 and selected by his peers to be a Chairman in the House of Representatives—only the fifth time in 100 years a three-term Representative ascended to such a position.

As Chairman of the powerful Oversight & Government Reform Committee, he lead investigations into the United States Secret Service, the Department of Education I.T. vulnerabilities, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) data breach, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Benghazi terrorist attack, misuse of classified information by Hillary Clinton, Fast & Furious, and the IRS scandal. Congressman Chaffetz left Congress in June 2017.

Previous to Congress he was Chief of Staff to the Governor of Utah. A former placekicker on the Brigham Young University Football Team he earned his BA in Communications in 1989 and then joined the local business community for 16 years before entering the public sector. In 2017 he was a Resident Fellow at Harvard at the Kennedy School, Institute of Politics. He and his wife Julie have been married since 1991 and have three children.

Guest Speaker: Jason Chaffetz

- Jason Chaffetz was born in California. He graduated from a small town in Colorado with only 72 in his class. His parents divorced when he was a teenager. His mother died of breast cancer. Jason helped his mom for many years which he said made him stronger and a better person. His dad always had a newspaper in front of him. He taught Jason a strong work ethic.
- Jason moved to Utah and became a kicker on the BYU football team. He converted to the LDS church and married later.
- Jason worked for Jon Huntsman as a campaign manager. Through that he became friends with Rex Lee, the president of BYU at the time. Mike Lee was his son. He and Jason spent time arguing Supreme Court cases. Jason learned to respect fiscal discipline, limited government, accountability and a strong national defense.
- Jason detailed the Benghazi incident. As soon as the incident began Hilary Clinton and all those involved were sent a preservation order to save all correspondence by the chair of National Security. The state department denied the embassy the ability to secure itself. Jason went to Libya to investigate. Not one person mentioned a video. No one was told to go help at Benghazi even though help was 35 miles away. State department did not buy the survivors of Benghazi an airline ticket home and they took away their security clearance immediately.
- Jason said he wakes up every morning grateful that Hilary Clinton is not president of United States

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by WCRW Secretary Judy Houston

Upcoming Events:

- March 20 – Caucus Meetings
- April 5 – WCRW Luncheon. Legislative Forum at Santa Clara
- April 14 – County Convention at the Washington County Fairgrounds
- April 21 – Utah State Convention at the Salt Palace 8:00am to 2:30 pm
- May 3 – WCRW Luncheon Sean Reyes at Abbey Inn
- June 7 – WCRW Luncheon Hildale Mayor Donia Jessop at the Alumni House
- June 28 – Utah Primary Election

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