



WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 3, 2018 11:30 am
Abbey Inn

Welcome:

- President Lesa Sandberg called the meeting to order at 11:45 am.
- The prayer was offered by Judy McCoy and the pledge was led by Sharon Simmons.
- Sharon told the story of Francis Scott Key who wrote what we now know of as “The Star Spangled Banner.” The inspired last words of the last verse are: “And this be our motto- In God is our trust. And the Star - Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave. O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave.”
- Dignitaries present were: Bette Ariel representing Senator Mike Lee, Rep. Brad Last District 71, Rep. Lowry Snow District 74, Washington County Commissioner Dean Cox, Washington Sherriff Cory Pulsipher, Washington County Republican Party Chair Jimi Kestin, St. George City Council members Bette Ariel, Michele Randall and Ed Baca. St. George Mayor Jon Pike, Hurricane Mayor John Braman, Ivins Mayor Chris Hart, School Board Members LaRene Cox and Becky Dunn, Running for office, Gil Almquist and Mark Borowiak.
- Kimberly Hancock confirmed that a quorum was present and official business could be conducted.

Business:

- WCRW Funds reported as \$19,273.26 in our business account
- A **motion** to approve the financial report was made by Michele Randall, seconded by Judy Bozeman and approved by the membership
- Membership report was given by Membership Chair Kimberly Hancock.. There are 78 Members, 23 Associate Members and 50 Gem Members. Member prizes were awarded.
- Charlotte Devlin acknowledged May birthdays.
- (Minutes were not adopted at the meeting because there were no corrections)

Spotlight:

Cleo Atkin spotlighted Delores Osborn.

- Having lived in New York and Michigan, Delores Osborn had the good sense to move to St. George, Utah 25 years ago. The mild weather here most likely influenced her decision to move. Delores is a wonderful Republican and has been a party delegate and precinct chair. She has been a faithful member of WRCW since 2001 and an active participant in our club. Her contributions to her community are many. She believes for a community to be good one needs to support it.

Guest Speakers: Candidates for Washington County Commissioner and Allen Davis were introduced by President Lesa Sandberg

Allen Davis: Allen Davis introduced himself by stating that he moved to Washington County over 29 years ago. He is currently an electrical lineman for the city.

Davis is married with two children and lives in Winchester Hills. He is currently a Board Member for the water district 5. His major concerns are public lands and he is concerned over the costs of the Lake Powell Pipeline and believes that the Washington County Water Conservancy District needs to be more transparent and have more oversight.

Gil Almquist: Gil Almquist introduced himself by stating that he lives in Bloomington. He is married and has three children. He has served on the St. George City Council. He has had a landscaping business since 1982. He believes you should listen to everyone.

Candidate Forum: Moderator Judy Bozeman led the discussion.

Judy Bozeman asked the candidates, "What are your top two priorities."

- ✓ Davis responded by mentioning that his top priority was his concern over the public lands issue and how much land the Federal Government has in Washington county. He is also concerned about the Washington Conservancy District and how much the Lake Powell Pipeline is ultimately and realistically going to cost.
- ✓ Almquist stated that he wants to listen to everyone and that he is 100 percent in favor of the Lake Powell Pipeline.
- ✓ Davis responded that you need to be willing to work with people but you need to know when enough is enough as in the case of the wild horse issue. Davis also responded that you need to use team work and patience. He said, "have you ever seen a wild horse starve?" In 3 or 4 years we are going to have a severe range issue.

Taxes:

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- ✓ Almquist stated that there are no secret meetings.

Questions:

- ✓ Sharon Simmons asked what are you going to do about exit 10 and the horrific traffic on the Northern Corridor. Both agreed that this issue needs to be addressed and that there needs to be a master plan.
- ✓ A question was asked, "what can be done about the economy of St. George?" Both agreed that many good things are happening in St. George such as our World Class Hospital, Dixie State University, All abilities parks, The new Medical Training Facility in Ivins, Tech Ridge and much more.
- ✓ Davis said he was in favor of getting another Healthcare Corporation into the County.
- ✓ Almquist stated that you can help but not dictate. Both are in favor of a free market economy.
- ✓ Almquist also said that he plans that in January 2019 that his landscaping business will be owned by someone else.
- ✓ Davis said that he would hope that Washington County could attract clean industries and high paying jobs such as in Fiber Optics.
- ✓ Almquist said that Washington County is growing and that we need to be looking forward.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 with both candidates remaining to answer individual questions.
Respectfully submitted by Carol Bracken for WCRW Secretary Judy Houston