

Washington County Republican Women
March 5, 2015 - Regularly Scheduled Luncheon - Abbey Inn

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by President Judy Houston.

Dignitaries Announced were, County Commissioner Zach Renstrom, Mayor Jon Pike, Bette Arial and Yolie Klawitter from Senator Lee's Office and Todd Jones, WCRP Treasurer

The prayer was given by Yvonne Wall, followed by Mayor Jon Pike who led us in the Pledge of A motion was made by Lesa Sandbert to approve the February 5th, 2015 Minutes, seconded by Rachell Shumway and approved unanimously. The chair declared the motion passed.

In the absence of our treasurer, President Judy Houston presented the Finance Report as follows:

Business Account: \$10,363.68

Caring For America Account: \$1,115.14

Our Membership Report was given by 1st VC over Membership, Lesa Sandberg

She reported that we have 60 members to date. Lesa announced three members birthdays including: Cleo Atkin, Jodi Borgenson and Yolie Klauwiter

Quorum Report:

- 10% constitutes a quorum
- Membership totals 60
- Given that we had more than 6 members present, our quorum was met

Rachelle Shumway introduced and allowed for discussion the following proposed Bylaw Changes.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Dues shall include the cost of membership in the State and National Federation of Republican Women. Dues are payable when a member joins WCRW and all dues are renewable beginning September 1.

The fiscal year of the organization shall be from September 1st to August 31st. The calendar year shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

A motion to accept these changes was made by LaRene Cox, seconded by Judy Houston and approved unanimously by the membership. The chair declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE AND STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall have authority to transact any necessary business meetings, to make recommendations as to policies, to advise the President, and to approve payments of invoices presented by the Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall present an annual budget and a financial report to the membership in the first quarter. A term of office shall be 1 year. Article VII Section 2 - add "and a financial report" and "in the 1st quarter" to the 2nd sentence (so it reads "The Executive Committee shall present an annual budget and a financial report to the membership in the 1st quarter").

A motion to accept these changes was made by Lesa Sandberg, seconded by Judy Houston and approved unanimously by the membership. The chair declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE X COMMITTEES AND APPOINTEES

Section 1: Standing Committees

A. The WCRW Standing Committees shall be Bylaws, ~~Fundraising~~, Legislation/Campaign and Public Relations.

B. The Standing Committees shall prepare programs of action in their respective fields for consideration by the WCRW President and Executive Committee for recommendation to the Board of Directors.

~~C. The Standing Committee chair, or in their absence, the vice chair, shall have a voice and vote on the on the Board of Directors.~~

A motion to accept these changes was made by Jodi Borgenson, seconded by Elna Rae Page / Yoli Klauwitter and approved unanimously by the membership. The chair declared the motion carried.

Section 2: Special Committees/Appointees:

A. Special Committees/Appointees shall be appointed by the President as deemed necessary to accomplish the work of the WCRW. Special Committee chairs, vice chairs and members shall have a voice, but no vote at the Board meetings.

B. Special Committees/Appointees may include, but not limited to, Achievement Awards, Calling Committee, Caring for America, Community Outreach, Chaplin, Fundraising, Historian, Hospitality, Literacy/Melp, Newsletter and Volunteer Hours.

A motion to accept these changes was made by Judy Houston, seconded by Elna Rae Page and approved unanimously by the membership. The chair declared the motion carried.

Because there was no opposition to the proposed bylaw changes the chair declared all motions carried.

Our Spotlight for the month of March was given by Elna Rae Page. She introduced our longtime member and her/our dear friend, Cleo Atkin.

In the absence of our Programs Chair, Diane Adams, LaRene Cox introduced Commissioner Zachary Renstrom and Mayor Jon Pike.

Zachary Renstrom was born and raised in Ogden, Utah. He received his degree in Civil Engineering for the University of Utah, and a law degree from Washburn University located in Kansas. He worked as an attorney for several years for a large law firm called Lincoln, Gustafson, & Cercos before moving to St. George. Recently, he was a principle owner at the engineering firm of Bush and Gudgell.

He first grew to love the Washington County area as a young child. His uncle and aunt lived in the Green Valley area. At every opportunity I would visit Washington County. He spent many days and nights playing in the Santa Clara River building tree houses and forts.

He is married to Alison Renstrom, whom teaches PE and math at Snow Canyon Middle School. He has three children and enjoys almost anything that is outdoors including rock climbing, running, shooting, backpacking, and canyoneering.

He believes that Washington County is one of the most beautiful places on earth and loves calling Washington County home.

Zach told the group that he is very sensitive to the budget and the dollars spent on the county level. He was proud to announce that many of the department heads were under budget this year.

He spoke on upcoming issues such as: the Habitat Conservation Plan, Economic Development, Transportation, Housing, Pollution, Debt Service, Flood Control and Water Issues, Building issues such as the Jail and County Administration Campus. We enjoyed a very informative discussion.

Mayor Jon Pike was raised in Salt Lake City and received a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Utah and an MBA from Westminster College. Jon has worked in several positions with Intermountain Healthcare since 1990 – and since 1995 here in St. George.

One of the highlights of Jon's career has been working as project manager for the planning and construction of Dixie Regional Medical Center at River Road, which opened in 2003. He currently works as the regional operations director for SelectHealth – the health insurance division of Intermountain Healthcare.

In 2007 Jon was elected to the St. George City Council and in 2013 he was elected as Mayor of St. George. He serves on the boards of Dixie State University, Dixie Applied Technology College, and as chair of the Fifth District Judicial Nominating Commission.

Jon loves singing, playing the piano, organ, and guitar, as well as water and snow skiing, motorcycling, and walking or biking on St. George's many trails. Jon and his wife Kristy have five children.

Mayor Pike gave congratulation to Commissioner Zach Renstrom for winning his election and stated that the caucus system worked well for his campaign.

Mayor Pike gave an overview of the City Government. Beginning with the elected officials, Mayor and City Council then the Administration that is headed up by the City Manager. There are 596 full time employees, 429 part-time employees. Of those, 102 are Police Officers, 29 Full time Fire Department, 29 part-time Fire Department and 25 Fire Department Volunteers.

The Sales Tax by industry is growing and the economy is alive and well. Property taxes are divided between the Schools, County and City. The Schools receive 62.31%, County, 15.9% and the City 14.34% of which 2.24% from RAP Tax. The City's general fund is almost \$56,000,000. Public safety receives 34% of the budget.

The mayor reported that he is not in favor of a lot of growth but controlled growth has enabled us to have an Airport, a University and a great Hospital.

Questions were taken by the commissioner and mayor.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.