

Washington County Republican Women
Regularly Scheduled Luncheon
February 2nd, 2017- Abbey Inn

President Lesa Sandberg welcomed the group and opened the meeting at 11:45 am. She recognized the following dignitaries:

- Bette Arial -City Councilwoman and Southern Utah Director for Senator Mike Lee
- Courtney Brinkerhoff -Southern Utah Director for Senator Orrin Hatch
- LaRene Cox -School Board Representative
- Becky Dunn –School Board Representative
- Dean Cox -County Commissioner
- Adam Snow -Southern Utah Director for Representative Chris Stewart

Bette Arial gave the prayer. Courtney Brinkerhoff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lesla Sandberg announced the following:

- February 18th, 2017 is the Washington County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner. The guest speaker is Dinesh D’Souza, the filmmaker behind “Hillary’s America”. The event begins with a Meet and Greet at 6pm at the Dixie Center. The dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$50 each. WCRW has five tickets remaining.
- WCRW’s March luncheon will be March 2nd at the Abbey Inn. The topic will be “The Economy and Washington County”
- WCRW’s April luncheon will be April 6th at the Abbey Inn. The topic will be a Post Legislative Report from our legislators.
- The Washington County Republican Party organizing convention will be 8:00 am on April 22 at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

Associate Member Jimi Kestin announced he will be running for Party Chair. Lesa reminded the body that because this is an inter-Republican Party race, WCRW cannot endorse any candidate.

Judy Bozeman made a motion to approve the January Luncheon Meeting Minutes which have been on our website since last month. The motion was seconded by Becky Dunn. The minutes were approved unanimously. They will remain on the website.

LaRene Cox and Judy Houston led our membership report and membership drawing. Jimi Kestin was our associate of the month.

Bette Arial gave the legislative report. She noted that there has been very vocal opposition to all of President Trump’s nominees. She asked the group to consider passing a resolution of support for the President, our elected officials, and the nominees.

Charlotte Devlin gave the Spotlight Report. February’s spotlight was Judy McCoy. Judy has extensive experience playing in and teaching orchestra. She particularly loves playing the viola. Her and her husband are very involved in service and missionary work.

Lesa and LaStar Richens, our treasurer, led the group in a review of the proposed budget for this upcoming year. The budget was read and reviewed line by line before Bette Arial made a motion to approve and Charlotte Devlin seconded. The budget was approved unanimously by the body.

Lesa closed the business portion of our meeting and introduced Becky Dunn and LaRene Cox. Becky and LaRene are on our WCRW Executive Board, but also are our School District Representatives. Becky and LaRene showed video footage of Legacy Elementary School being built. They discussed new growth and new schools such as Crimson Hills Middle School. They talked about the importance of technology in schools and the need to train more teachers on how to maximize technology in the classroom.

Washington County is the 8th largest school district in the state. We are also the highest in the state for Microsoft Certificates.

LaRene then turned the time over to special guest speaker Darin Thomas, the principal of the Water Canyon School. He highlighted the tremendous progress the school has made and how they are enriching the lives of their students through education. Darin showed several photos and mentioned that he is not a mere principal at the school. Because of the background of the area, Darin has found himself being a confidant, friend, fatherly-figure, teacher and principal all in one.

During the question and answer portion of the program, some WCRW members suggested the group do a clothing drive for the students attending Water Canyon.

The luncheon adjourned at 1:15 pm.