



WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 4, 2018 11:30 am
Abbey Inn, 1129 S Bluff Street, St. George, 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 Walt Brooks. Dignitaries present were: Courtney Brinkerhoff representing Senator Hatch, Bette Ariel representing Senator Mike Lee and a member of the St. George City Council, Representative Walt Brooks from district 75, Washington County Republican Party Chair Jimi Kestin, WCRP Vice Chair Celeste Maloy, Adam Snow representing Representative Chris Stewart. Kimberly Hancock confirmed that a quorum was present and official business could be conducted.

Business: A **motion** to approve last month's luncheon minutes was made by Bette Ariel, seconded by Judy Houston and approved by the body. WCRW Funds reported as \$19,093.04 in our business account and \$1055.14 in our Caring for America account. Membership included 32 Members and 7 Associate Members and 22 of these are Gem Members. Forty members have not renewed for 2018. Member prizes were awarded and January birthdays acknowledged.

Upcoming Events: Legislative Session begins January 22. WCRW Luncheon on Thursday, February 1st discussing Public Lands with Brock Belnap and Celeste Maloy. Lincoln Day Breakfast tentatively scheduled February 10th, (Jimi Kestin said it was a possibility it would be moved to Feb. 17th.)

Legislative Report was given by Bette Ariel. She said to look at the newsletter for a more detailed report. She wanted to thank our Utah Congressmen that supported the GOP Tax Bill. Bonnie Harrington pointed out it was the State of Utah's birthday today.

Introduction of our guest speaker was made by 1st VP Courtney Brinkerhoff. Michelle Wall is a local girl who went to Snow Canyon High School and Dixie State. She became an RN and traveled around the world. She is the operating room manager for Sunrise Hospital, the largest operating facility in Nevada.

Guest Speaker Michelle Wall began her story the night of October 1st as a shooter in Las Vegas sprayed bullets at innocent people. She began her shift around 4 am the morning after. Injured people lined the halls, crying, bleeding dazed. No training could have prepared her for this. Former military hospital personal said they had never seen anything worse. Sunrise has 23 operating rooms. Patients who couldn't be identified were given aliases with surgeries going around the clock. Many patients were on ventilators with frightened family members searching for their loved ones. A temporary morgue was set up for family members to identify loved ones. Two police officers held the American flag outside the door of the fallen LV Police officer until he was removed from the hospital. Miracles happened. Much needed supplies showed up. Blood was donated with lines around the building. People brought blankets and clothing and food. A food station was set up for family members and was always stocked. Doctors from around the valley volunteered to assist. It was a testament to the power of love, heroism and unity from the Las Vegas Community.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32

Respectfully submitted by Judy Houston WCRW Secretary.