

Spokane Hotel Motel Association

March 19, 2019

Centerplace

President Julie Cohen called the meeting to order.

Gerry Burke with DKI was our guest presenter. He provided an overview of DKI – they specialize in disasters - fire, water, wind, & mold. They offer free training at your business for staff to help them be prepared in the event of a disaster. They will provide any equipment you may need for cleanup.

Tara Sainsbury with Kalispell Linen & Upholstery. She was also a guest presenter. She gave an overview. They handle all laundry needs of hotels. They are the regional experts at cleaning lines for hotels, restaurants, spas, clubs, etc. Tara invited everyone to come out and take a tour, offered one week free trial and a complimentary stain treatment. And, she reminded everyone they are available for emergency services. They also have a full service upholstery service shop.

Julie Cohen then proceeded to the agenda, thanking Centerplace and asked for introductions.

The minutes and financials were approved with one spelling correction on the February minutes. Cherie Qwinn should be Gwinn.

Tobby Hatley began our agenda with a Government Affairs update. The Washington Hospitality Association continues to monitor the Plastic Straw Ban, Short Term rentals and Predictive Scheduling which should be dead at this time. Locally Homelessness is still a big issue that council continues to review, Affordable Housing for developers is being looked at and Shared Mobility is headed to a vote on Monday. The Spokane City Council should pass as changes were made to continue to the bike share program and to make scooters legal.

Ruth Fitzgerald provided the update for Visit Spokane. She highlighted Q1 bookings including a new definite booking for June 2019. And, mentioned the importance of their Backyard Initiative where Visit Spokane wants to build a data base to include information from local community leaders relating to the boards or committee's they may serve on personally & professionally.

Cherie Gwinn provided the update for the Spokane Sports Commission. March continues to be a successful sports month. Middle School basketball had 450 teams. They are looking forward to filling the SportsPlex and are looking at Division 3 NCAA Track & Field.

Travis Tramp provided the PFD update. The SportsPlex is moving along. They have final pricing which will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

Phil Champlin provided the HUB Sports Center update. They are ready for PNQ and planning for Spring & Summer events.

Elizabeth Mills provided an updated from Greater Spokane Inc. They have the DC FlyIn April 4/9 -12; Legislative Agenda should be on their website; Let Freedom Ring lunch is 5/16 and the Golf Tournament is 7/31 at Meadowwood.

Julie Cohen mentioned that there is discussion about creating a membership committee and asked everyone to think about it and reach out to Toni if you have an interest or ideas.

Congratulations to the Mt Spokane Pro Start team that won 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the State Competition. They are fundraising to go to Nationals 5/8-10. If you have any fundraising ideas, reach out to Lisa Leinberger at the Washington Hospitality Association

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.