

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting of 4-5-2017, Held at Northern Expresso

Meeting called to order by Tammy Hawblitzel with introductions of those present.

Meeting minutes of 3-1-2017 were read by Secretary, LaVel Smith. Motion to accept as read by Dirk Presidio. 2nd by Lori Stout. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Treasurer, Lori Stout.

Checking Account: \$5,278.62

Savings: 5,341.75

FOL: 1,383.27

TOS: 5,309.82

Shop Local: 1,140.00

Arts Events: 3,852.72

53 Paid Members

Motion to accept Treasurers Report as read by Richard Beadle. 2nd by Dirk Presidio. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The **Farm Show** went very well and was well attended.

Say Yes to the Dress: Lexie Edick was the student from Gladwin that won the tickets, etc. from the donation that the GBPA made. Pastor Blatt said the event was a big success.

New Business:

Business After Hours: Business After Hours will be at Thrivent on April 18th.

Easter Egg Hunt: Lori Stout has the Easter Egg Hunt organized for April 15th at 11 a.m. SHARP.

Thunder on the Strip: May 19-21. Friday Night will be Test and Tune, Saturday will be a normal race schedule and Sunday will be a makeup day if necessary.

Announcements:

City of Gladwin Updates: Bob Moffit said that the City will have Cleanup Day on May 6th, that the City has hired a new Park Manager, Brian Jungman, that there are openings for Park Rangers and that donations are needed from businesses for the Bike Path. Joel Vernier suggested a benefit at the K of C Hall.

Business Updates and Announcements:

1. Bob Balzer said there will be four business expansions in the community and that the first EDC Newsletter has gone out. Bob introduced a representative from the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance who spoke about programs available to the county.
2. Dirk Presidio said the Souper Challenge went very well and made about \$13,000 for the Foundation.
3. Pastor Blatt announced a BBPA event on April 13th from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Beaverton Tavern. It will be Firecracker Night to help pay for the July 4th fireworks. April 14th will be the Legislative Breakfast at the Presbyterian Church in Beaverton.
4. Joel Vernier said the Fish and Shrimp dinners are going very well and that the Mission has been very busy. Personal care items are needed. April 29th will be a Polish dance at the K of C Hall.
5. Lori Stout thanked Northern Expresso for having the April GBPA meeting. Lori Stout made a motion to donate \$25 to Northern Expresso. Seconded by Richard Beadle. All ayes. Motion carried. All donations received will be given to the Gladwin Animal Shelter.
6. Yvette Keast said Graff's will have a Ladies Night on April 5th from 6 pm.-9 p.m., there was discussion about TV ads for events, the Chamber will be having its annual Golf Outing on May 19th and Chamber breakfast events will be starting on June 9th at 7:30 a.m. in local restaurants. This will be networking opportunities. The first breakfast will be at Peppermill and Bob Balzer will be the speaker.
7. Riteaid will be having a Re-Grand Opening soon.
8. Janelle Thurlow from Flynn's announced a Re-Grand opening on April 20th.

Motion to adjourn by Dirk Presidio. 2nd by Richard Beadle. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting at City Hall on May 3rd, 8 a.m.

