

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting Minutes of 1-6-2016

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

Meeting minutes of 12-2-2015 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: \$1,561.94

Savings: 340.77

FOL: 1,275.06

TOS: 5,497.50

Shop Local: 1,000.00

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

Old Business:

Festival of Lights Christmas Parade: The Festival of Lights Christmas Parade and fireworks were awesome. The Parade Committee of Lori Stout, Shannon Smith, Kim Bruner, Selena Vollmerang and Wanda McClain did a great job in organizing this event.

Sleigh Full of Gifts: The Sleigh Full of Gifts was won by a couple from Cadillac. Thanks to Vickie Pickard at JD Jewelers for organizing this event.

Election of GBPA Board: Dirk Presidio will be in charge of the election of the GBPA Board on February 3 at the Annual Breakfast meeting. GBPA Officers will be elected at the March 3, 2016 meeting.

Fishing Derby: Chris Kokotovich said there are over 40 sponsors for the Fishing Derby which will be February 6, 2016. A motion was made by Dirk Presidio to give \$250 toward advertising for the Fishing Derby. 2nd by Richard Beadle. All ayes. Motion carried.

Annual GBPA Breakfast: The annual GBPA Breakfast will be at Riverwalk on February 3, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and 8 a.m. for meeting.

New Business:

The Master Gardeners would like to renovate the Cedar Avenue Garden to make it more accessible. Donna Ridley asked if the GBPA could give them a donation toward the renovation to show our support of the project. A motion was made by Dirk Presidio to give the Master Gardeners \$250 toward the renovation of the Cedar Avenue Garden. 2nd by Richard Beadle. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Farm and Garden Show will be Saturday, March 19th, 2016 at the Community Arena. The booths are 10'x10' and are \$45. The GBPA will have a booth. Please contact LaVel Smith if you have any items you would like to display or give away.

Business After Hours: January 7 at Merrily Ever After Bridal Shop from 5 p.m-7 pm.

Announcements:

1. Bonnie Klein reminded everyone of the light project in the City of Gladwin.

Business Updates and Announcements:

1. Hall Kokotovich Funeral Home is 100 years old.

2. Richard Beadle said that there are now two Edward Jones financial advisors in Gladwin.

3. Donna Ridley said that Flynn Lumber is 70 years old and that Guy Thurlow will be retiring after 40 years of employment.

4. PNC Bank thanked everyone that came to the Business After Hours and reminded everyone of the new hours at PNC, Monday 9 a.m-5 p.m. inside and drive thru and closed on Saturday.

5. Jen from Weinlander Fitzhugh said they are gearing up for the tax season.

6. Jessica from Merrily Ever After Bridal Shop reminded everyone of the Business After Hours at their store and that they will be participating in the Ultimate Wedding Giveaway at Riverwalk on January 9th at 2 p.m.

7. Pastor Karen Blatt reminded everyone of the Beaverton Business Association annual dinner meeting on January 21st from 5 p.m-7 p.m. at the Beaverton Community Center. Terry Brokoff will be the speaker. The Say Yes to Dress event in Beaverton is planned for March 5th. There will be prizes for both Gladwin and Beaverton Youth.

8. Yvette Keast from the Gladwin Chamber of Commerce said she has been busy with the new Directory and website. There will be a Directory Launch party coming up soon. There is a membership special to new businesses. Contact Yvette about this special and several events that are happening in the County.

9. Kelly Armbruster announced the Self Defense class on January 16th, 10 a.m. at the Community Arena. This event is sponsored by Thrivent.

10. Meghan from Riverwalk announced the Ultimate Wedding Giveaway on January 9th, 2 p.m. at Riverwalk and the Winter Wine Tasting Event on January 30th at a cost of \$30.

11. LaVel Smith announced the Arts & Crafts Festival sponsored by the GBPA will be July 9th in the Gladwin City Park.

12. Lori Stout said that Chemical Bank has been very busy and that she is involved in the Leadership Program. Lori's group in the Leadership Program arranged a project of helping the Shelterhouse. It was very well received.

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

Next meeting at Riverwalk for the Annual GBPA Breakfast. 7:30 a.m. Breakfast and 8 a.m. Meeting.

L = LaVel Smith, GB = Gladwin Business & Professional Association