Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting of 3-2-2016

Meeting called to order by President, Tammy Hawblitzel with introductions of those present.
Meeting minutes of 2-3-2016 were read by Secretary, LaVel Smith. Motion to accept as read by Dirk Presidio. 2nd by Meghan Keen. All ayes. Motion carried.
Treasurers Report was read by Treasurer, Lori Stout.
Checking Account: $4,737.50
Savings: 340.79
FOL: 1,150.56
TOS: 5,447.50
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:

Election of GBPA Officers: Dlrk Presidio was in charge of election of GBPA officers. The slate of candidates for officers were Tammy Hawblitzel, President, Dirk Presidio, Vice President, Lori Stout, Treasurer and LaVel Smith, Secretary. The floor was open to other nominations. There were no other nominations. Bob Balzer made a motion to close nominations and reelect the slate of officers. Seconded by Meghan Keen. All ayes. Motion carried.
Mid Michigan Farm and Garden Show: LaVel Smith reminded everyone of the Farm Show on March 19 at the Arena.
Easter Egg Hunt: Lori Stout reminded everyone of the Easter Egg Hunt on March 26 at the Gladwin City Park at 11 a.m. Sharp.
Souper Challenge: Dirk Presidio reminded everyone of the Souper Challenge, a fundraiser for the Gladwin County Community Foundation which will be March 5th. There are 8 vendors and the cost is $10 each.
Billboards: It was decided that the GBPA will not purchase the billboard space this year which is located west of Gladwin near the Golf Course and the billboard on the corner of M-61 and M-30.

New Business:

Meghan Keen has accepted another job and might not be able to remain on the GBPA Board. GBPA will wait to hear from Meghan if her new employer will let her remain on the board as their representative.
Tammy Hawblitzel asked that everyone go to the GBPA facebook page and share the events.

Business After Hours: Business After Hours will be at Oasis Spa and Salon on March 3.

Announcements:
1. Bonnie Klein reminded everyone of the election on March 8 at Sacred Heart Activity Center.
2. There are issues with snowplowing on Cedar Avenue.

Business Updates and Announcements:

1. Joel Vernier reported that he was selling ads for the Farm Show book. There are also 3 more fish dinners at the K of C Hall.
2. Flynn Lumber is having a retirement party for Guy Thurlow on April 15 and in July, Flynn's will be having an animal adoption event.
3. Pastor Blatt from the Beaverton Business Association said she took Chamber directories to Midland and that the Helping Hands Mission gave out 9,000 Food boxes in 2015.
4. Jen from Weinlander Fitzhugh said tax season is very busy and that she had attended the State of Community Event.
5. Kelly Armbruster will be hosting a free Thrivent event at the Merrily Ever After Bridal Shop entitled "From Me to We."
6. Yvette Keast from the Chamber of Commerce announced the Legislative Breakfast on March 11 with Senator Jim Stamas and other local representatives speaking. Peddlers Across Lower Michigan (approx. 700 bicyclists) will be in Gladwin on June 22. They will stay at the High School. It would be nice if the GBPA could participate in some way while the bicyclists are in town.
7. Bob Balzer announced a Pure Michigan Event on March 31 at Michigan Works and Mock Interview Days will be March 11 at MMCC.

Motion to adjourn by Dirk Presidio. 2nd by Lori Stout. Meeting adjourned.
Next meeting at City Hall on April 6 at 8 a.m.