

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting of 5-3-2017

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

Meeting minutes of 4-5-2017 were read by Secretary, LaVel Smith. Motion to accept as read by Lori Stout. 2nd by Bob Balzer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Treasurer, Lori Stout.

Checking Account: \$5,122.62

Savings: 5,341.98

FOL: 1,383.27

TOS: 3,681.82

Shop Local: 1,140.00

Arts Events: 3,852.72

56 Paid Members

Motion to accept Treasurers Report as read by LaVel Smith. 2nd by bob Balzer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Easter Egg Hunt: Lori Stout said the Easter Egg Hunt went very well. There were many in attendance and the weather ended up being fantastic.

New Business:

Business After Hours: Business After Hours will be at Bonham's from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. on May 4th.

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. Tammy asked who could work at the event.

Board Member: A new Board Member is needed for the GBPA. Please contact Tammy or Dirk.

Storage Building for GBPA: A storage building is needed for the supplies for all of the GBPA events. There was discussion on buying a building or renting a storage space. Two businesses were going to check to see if they had room for the supplies.

Announcements:

City of Gladwin Updates: Bob Moffit said that the City will have Cleanup Day on May 6th, that the budget is finished, there will be no increases in water or sewer and that donations were being made to the Bike Path.

Business Updates and Announcements:

1. Bob discussed the GTEC Technology Education Courses, that he attended a small town rural development conference and said that businesses need to promote each other in the community.
2. Riverwalk Place is having a Re-Grand Opening on May 5th from 5 p.m-7 p.m. There have been room renovations and extensive work done to the patio area.
3. Theresa Klein from the Arnold Center encouraged businesses to hire consumers from the Arnold Center.
4. Lorrie Robb from LifeSmiles Dentistry discussed their move to the old Dr. Seck/McLaren Hospital Clinic next to S&H Engraving. They will be having the Business After Hours in their new building on July 13th.
5. Joel Vernier said the Knights of Columbus Polish Dance went very well and they will do it again next year. The next Fish Dinner will be May 12th.
6. Sandy and Mark from the Gladwin Record discussed the new brochure that is coming out in the Gladwin Record soon. It is called Due North Adventures. Lori Stout made a motion to have the GBPA spend \$575 for a full page (3rd page) to promote the GBPA events for the year. Seconded by Bob Balzer. All ayes. Motion carried. LaVel Smith will get all the events to Mark by May 12th.
7. If businesses want to promote their businesses or products in the City Park bags, they should contact City Hall with coupons, etc.
8. There was lots of discussion about Shopping Local and promoting each other.
9. Vickie from JD Jewelers gave an update on the jewelry shop.
10. Stephanie Buffman gave an update on the United Way Color Run. They need sponsors and participants.

Motion to adjourn by Dirk Presidio. 2nd by Bob Balzer. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting at City Hall on June 7th, 8 a.m.

