

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting of 10-4-2017

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

Meeting minutes of 9-6-2017 were read by LaVel Smith. Motion to accept as read by Lori Stout. 2nd by Jennifer Feuerstein. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Treasurer, Lori Stout.

Checking Account: \$3,729.39

Savings: 7,843.30

FOL: 3,598.87

TOS: 5,888.82

Shop Local: 2,140.00

Arts Events: 7,812.02

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

Old Business:

Festival of Lights Christmas Parade: Lori Stout gave an update on the Festival of Lights Christmas Parade. The Indemnity Agreement was signed by Consumers, Balloon prices have gone up \$1,000 each, the Grand Marshall and Volunteer of the Year have been chosen and the City Council has approved the Parade Route.

New Business:

Business After Hours: The October 12 Business After Hours is at the Gladwin County Chamber of Commerce from 5 p.m-7 p.m.

Announcements:

Representatives from the Post Office were in attendance to discuss Centralized Mailbox Placement in the City of Gladwin on certain blocks. The Post Office will pay for the mailboxes and provide maintenance. The Post Office has already discussed this with the DDA. For more information, contact the Post Office.

City of Gladwin Updates: Bonnie Klein, City Clerk said the Christmas lights have been purchased for the trees on Cedar Avenue, The Farmer's Market went very well this summer with only two weeks left, there are façade projects going on in the City and DeShano is building some Apartments.

Business Updates and Announcements:

1. Loni at PNC said things are going very good.
2. Bob Balzer said that applications for skilled trades funds end this week.
3. Debbie Good from CMH introduced the new Employment Specialist.
4. Kelly Armbruster gave an update on Thrivent.
5. Mallory from Riverwalk gave an update on Jeep Creep (it has been expanded to the Park, several vendors are coming), the Wild Game Dinner raised \$3,00 for the Gladwin Arena, Amanda Kari will perform at Riverwalk on the night of October 28th.
6. Mark from the Gladwin Record said it is the 100 year Anniversary of 4H.
7. Pastor Blatt spoke about the Helping Hands Mission, said that Business After Hours will be October 12th at the Chamber of Commerce and that Business Over Breakfast will be at the Melting Pot on October 13th.
8. Joel Vernier reported on the Sacred Heart Mission, that the Knight's of Columbus is donating \$100 to the Festival of Lights Christmas Parade, there will be a new sign in front of the K of C Hall and that October 13th will be the fish and shrimp dinner for Christmas Kindness.
9. Jennifer Feuerstein spoke about the Equifax breach and what you could do to protect your identity.
10. Vickie from JD Jewelers stated things are going good at the shop.
11. Lori Stout from the Housing Commission and Festival of Lights Christmas Coordinator would like to get the Downtown merchants to decorate windows in the Marvel Comic theme. The contest would end November 25th. The Gladwin Housing Commission is celebrating its 50th year.
12. Tammy from S&H Engraving says they are busy.

Motion to adjourn by Dirk Presidio. 2nd by Jennifer Feuerstein. Meeting adjourned.
Next meeting at City Hall on November 1 at 8 a.m.

