

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Annual Breakfast Meeting, February 1, 2023

Meeting called to order by President, Stacy Plude. Introductions of those in attendance.

Meeting minutes of 1/4/2023 were emailed to members and distributed at the meeting. 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: \$11,579.94

FOL: 1,328.05

TOS: 10,453.32

Shop Local: 1,033.71

Arts Events 6,560.51

Shop Small Cert. 1,360.44

38 Paid Members

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

Treasurer, Lori Stout discussed the Annual Budget. A motion was made to accept the Annual Budget by Bob Balzer. Seconded by Jennifer Feuerstein. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Membership Update: Jennifer Feuerstein gave an update on membership. Dues were increased to \$100 and due on January 31, 2023. There will be a 90 day grace period to pay dues.

2023 Business After Hours: New ideas will be discussed for the 2023 year.

Scheduled Events for 2023: Check out the events on the GBPA facebook page.

Public Art on Buildings: Meeting postponed due to scheduling problems. No updates.

New Business:

GBPA Election of Board Members: Stacy Plude read the list of those interested in GBPA Board positions. A motion was made by Dirk Presidio to close the nominations and elect the slate of board members read by Stacy. Seconded by Richard Beadle. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chamber Updates: The Legislative Breakfast will be February 10, the Chamber Golf Outing is May 19th at Sugar Springs Golf Course and at this time, there is no publish date for the Directory.

County Updates: No County updates.

City Updates: John Caffrey gave Gladwin City updates; water treatment plant, code of Ordinances that were approved and city street issues.

Business Updates and Announcements:

Richard Beadle said the Rotary is sponsoring a Pies for Polio silent auction at the Gladwin/Beaverton game on February 24th, Ryan from Huntington Bank says the bank has many opportunities for new businesses, Blair from Rugged Den said that Spotted Cheetah is moving into the same building with Rugged Den, Kim from the Transit said she is working with MDOT on an expansion project, Life Smiles Dentistry is very busy, Debbie Decker from Master Gardeners said the Earth Day Event is coming up with six speakers and the Garden Tour is July 20th in the Gladwin area, Selena from Riverwalk lodging said they are busy and are offering many spa packages, Jim McBride gave an update on Middle Michigan Development, Bob Balzer gave an update on Consumer Power projects and on grant opportunities, Matt Lang from MI Works said if businesses need assistance, to contact MI Works, Brock from FED said they are very busy with local projects and with a large complex project in Clare, Donna Ridley gave an update on the Trail of 2 Cities and said that Flynn Lumber was sold, Curtis from Riverwalk Grill said they had an amazing January and events every weekend, Joe Kreusch from Burkhart Presidio Insurance gave an update on insurance issues happening, Mike Murray said the Chamber Golf Outing is May 19th at Sugar Springs, Yvette Keast from the Sacred Heart Mission said they are busy helping many with groceries and other needs, Christy Gutierrez from Cristy's Salon and Bella Ray Boutique said business is good and that there will be snowmobile races at the Gladwin Fairgrounds on February 11, 18, and 25, Teri from Serendipite Organiques said four businesses will be having a Winter Wellness Event on February 11th and that tickets are still available, Maverick Ford said there is a 2.9% interest rate on new cars and thanked their loyal customers, Sandy and Michelle from the Gladwin Record said they appreciate the support of the hometown paper from everyone, Lori Stout gave an update on happenings at the Council on Aging, LaVel Smith said to check out upcoming events on the GBPA website, Stacy from Riverwalk said they have many events coming up and thanked everyone for coming to the GBPA Annual Breakfast.

Motion to adjourn by Lori Stout. Seconded by LaVel Smith. Meeting adjourned.

The next GBPA meeting will be March 1, 8 a.m. at Riverwalk Place.

LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary