

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting Minutes of 4/5/2023

Meeting called to order by Stacy Plude with introductions.

Meeting minutes of 3/1/2023 were emailed to members and distributed at the meeting by LaVel Smith. Motion to accept as read by Lori Stout. 2nd by Blair McGourty.. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Treasurer, Lori Stout.

Checking Account: \$13,156.22
FOL: 1,328.05
TOS: 10,453.32
Shop Local: 997.81
Arts Events 6,945.51
Shop Small Cert. 1,360.44
63 Paid Members

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

Old Business:

Membership Update: Jennifer Feuerstein was not in attendance. An update will be given at the May meeting.

GBPA Schedule of Events for 2023: Easter Egg Hunt is April 8th at 11 a.m. Sharp, Arts & Crafts Festival is July 8th and is being organized, Thursdays in the City is being organized, Thunder on the Strip is May 20th and September 9th (Mike and Karen Moore are looking for sponsors, Maverick Ford will be there to check out the vehicles, there is a new logo, T-Shirts will be on sale and a new timing tree has been purchased), other GBPA events are scheduled for the year.

Public Art: There will be a meeting on April 14th at 11 a.m. Once person stepped down from the committee.

Farm Show: People have been asking about the Farm and Garden Show. Possibly Kable Thurlow will know on a date.

New Business:

City Updates: Mayor Sarah Kile said a Match on Main Grant was awarded to Star Gust to restore parts of the Redeemed Marketplace building, improvements are being made to the City Park, there will be new rustic camp sites, a new ranger station, new park fees and a new Park Manager.

County Updates: Karen Moore, Chair of the County Commissioners said the school millage is on the ballot for May 2nd and in August, there will be millages up for renewal. An application has been sent to the State to get funds/grant for broadband in the county and Karen will be going to Mt. Pleasant to talk to the Michigan Deputy Director about the Governor's budget

Chamber Updates: The Legislative Breakfast will be April 14th with local officials speaking, May 19th is the annual Chamber Golfing. Directories are at the printer.

Business Updates and Announcements: Sarah Kile thanked Gladwin and Beaverton businesses for donations to Big Brother and Big Sisters. There will be a golf outing for Big Brothers and Big Sisters on May 19th at Fire Fly Golf Course in Clare. Yvette Keast from Sacred Heart Mission received a grant for Shoes for Kids again. \$30,000 of shoes for Gladwin County. Food is a big issue for some in Gladwin County and a grant is being written by Yvette for fresh fruits and vegetables. The disbursement for this program would begin in fiscal year, July 1, 2023 through June 20, 2024. Yvette also thanked everyone for attending the Friends of the Theatre dinner theatre at Riverwalk. The dinner was sold out and all tables were sponsored. Michelle from the Gladwin Record reminded everyone about ads for Office Professional Administrative Day and Memorial Day. Christian Heath from MyMichiganHealth spoke about different programs being offered to the public. Dave Prah from Maverick Ford said they have lots of inventory and that the 2nd Annual Mustang Pit Stop will be July 14th from 1 pm-3 p.m. Linda Winarski from the City said the City has the community garden available for \$20 per lot and if anyone has information about the Civil War cannons that came to Gladwin in the 1950's, please contact the Historical Society. Nancy Bodnar from the Historical Society said they are open Thursday thru Saturday. Becky from Pale Blue at the Stone House spoke about their Match on Main Grant, about cake classes and the Feast events scheduled. Memorial weekend will be the Barbeque Feast. Pale Blue at the Stone House was also featured on TV. A representative of the Master Gardeners said that Earth Day is April 20th with six speakers scheduled and that the Garden Tour will be July 20th in the Gladwin area. Master Gardeners meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Free Methodist Church at 6 pm. Ryan from Huntington Bank spoke about interest rates, CD rates and money available for small businesses. Blair McGourty said things are good at Rugged Den and at Spotted Cheetah. Stacy from Riverwalk Place gave updates on events at Riverwalk (Facials, Easter Brunch, Tippy Yoga and summer entertainment. Lori Stout from Council on Aging said they are celebrating 50 years of services to seniors and thanked many volunteers for riding along or helping in the kitchen during the March on Meals event.

Motion to adjourn by LaVel Smith. Seconded by Blair McGourty. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at Riverwalk.

LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary