

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting Minutes of 8/2/2023

Meeting called to order by Stacy Plude with introductions.

Meeting minutes of 8/2/2023 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: \$14,849.72

FOL: 3,583.05

TOS: 5,950.85

Shop Local: 908.06

Arts Events 5,167.91

Shop Small Cert. 550.14

80 Paid Members.

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

Old Business:

Membership Update: 80 paid members. No updates on membership or brochure progress.

GBPA Schedule of Events for 2023: Summer activities went very well. Thunder on the Strip for September 9th has Lane Sponsors of Triple M and Myers for Tires. Mike and Karen Moore thanked all of the sponsors and said there has been a lot of interest in the event. A decision will be made whether there should be a theme for Fall in Gladwin. Michael Murray will check on the scarecrows and Chris Kokotovich is making sure the cornstalks are up again this year. The Pumpkin Painting is scheduled for October 28th. The Christmas Tree Lighting is organized. The Christmas Parade needs volunteers to help organize and assist during the Parade and sponsors. Santa is scheduled for the evening of the Parade.

Public Art: No mural updates.

Social Media: No updates.

New Business:

GBPA Meeting: GBPA Board members will meet on September 19th at 8 a.m. At the August meeting events were discussed along with the GBPA brochure. The Jeep Creep event was discussed with enthusiasm by all. Sponsors are needed for the event. 70 jeeps are already registered. Volunteers are needed to work the event and to coordinate the event. Contact Stacy Plude at Riverwalk if you would like to volunteer. Family friendly entertainment is being scheduled for the event.

City Updates: Linda Winarski said that the Silverleaf project is wrapping up and that ditches on the street will be fixed. Nancy Bodnar talked about having Santa at the Museum.

County Updates: Karen Moore, Chair of the County Commissioners said they are working on the budget. The Gladwin County Commissioners voted to give the Gladwin Public Safety Proposal another shot to be voted on November 7th.

Chamber Updates: The ORV event was well attended, there will be a meeting about the new Directory and the new tenant likes the apartment over the Chambers.

Business Updates and Announcements: Kim from the Transit said they have three new buses and ridership is up, Debbie Decker said the Garden Tour was a success and that the Tour will be in Beaverton in 2024, Blair from Rugged Den said that Spotted Cheetah and Rugged Den will have upcoming events, Stacy from Riverwalk said they are busy working on Jeep Creep, weddings and that the October menu will be coming soon, Lori from the Council on Aging said the breaker panel replacement was a \$405,000 project and that valve replacement will be coming up along with remodeling and fixing the Beaverton Parking lot.

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Feuerstein. Seconded by Lori Stout. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at Riverwalk.

LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary