

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

Meeting called to order by Blair McGourty with introductions.

Meeting minutes of 7/5/2023 were emailed to members and distributed at the meeting by LaVel Smith. Motion to accept as read by Lori Stout. 2nd by Becky Hodgins. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Treasurer, Lori Stout.

Checking Account: \$15,226.72
FOL: 3,308.05
TOS: 6,952.85
Shop Local: 926.01
Arts Events 7,452.91
Shop Small Cert. 1,187.64
79 Paid Members.

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

Old Business:

Membership Update: Jennifer Feuerstein gave an update on membership. Jennifer reached out to past members, new members and welcomed the new members. A GBPA Brochure will be put together soon.

GBPA Schedule of Events for 2023: Arts & Crafts Festival went well despite all of the rain, Thursdays in the City is happening, Thunder on the Strip for September 9th already has Lane Sponsors of Triple M and Myers for Tires. Mike and Karen Moore are looking for more sponsors for the event. Information on Fall in Gladwin will be at the September GBPA meeting and the Pumpkin Painting is scheduled for October 28th

Public Art: No mural updates.

Social Media: LaVel has asked that events on facebook be boosted.

New Business:

GBPA Meeting: GBPA Board members will meet on August 22nd at 8 a.m. at Riverwalk to discuss events and a GBPA brochure. The Jeep Creep event was discussed with enthusiasm by all. Sponsors are needed for the event. At today's meeting, a motion was made by Karen Moore that the GBPA be a sponsor in the amount of \$1500. Seconded by Becky Hodgins. All ayes. Motion carried. Contact Stacy or Mallory at Riverwalk. Nancy Bodnar from the Parks Committee is working on a meeting to discuss parking and entry fees for Jeeps in the Park.

City Updates: Linda Winarski talked about the Hazardous Waste Day in July. Lots of participation and lot of tires collected. She said Jeep Creep would be discussed at the upcoming Council Meeting.

County Updates: Karen Moore, Chair of the County Commissioners said that the August election will include 4 millages. The Leadership Program begins in September and the Commissioners are working on the budget.

Chamber Updates: The ORV event is coming up on August 19th and a tenant is moving in the upstairs of the Chambers in August.

Business Updates and Announcements: Michelle Hisey from the Gladwin Record said they are looking for sponsors for the Gladwin County Old Car calendar. They are also planning Who's Who articles of those who lived here, moved away and came back. Jeff Hetherington talked about his carpet and floor cleaning business. Yvette from Sacred Heart Mission said that the Food Pantry received a \$25,000 grant from Consumers Energy and that the need for food has increased greatly. Pastor Blatt from the Helping Hands Mission said the Food Pantry is open Monday thru Thursday. LifeSmiles Dentistry is very busy. Matt Lang said the Gladwin County Breakfast is August 23rd. Sarah Lucas will be there from 8 am-9 am. The County Clerk said the election process is changing and she is looking for election workers. Gladwin Nursing and Rehabilitation providing long and short term care are excited to be a part of the GBPA. The Young Life Pig Roast is August 2 from 4-7 p.m. Lori Stout talked about the Meals on Wheels Program and the needs of people.

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Feuerstein. Seconded by Becky Hodgins. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 6, 2023

LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary