

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting Minutes of 12/6/2023

Meeting called to order by Stacy Plude with introductions.

Meeting minutes of 11/1/2023 were emailed to members and distributed at the meeting by LaVel Smith. A motion was made by Jennifer Feuerstein to accept the October GBPA meeting minutes. Seconded by Lori Stout. All Ayes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Jennifer Feuerstein to accept the November GBPA meeting minutes. Seconded by Blair McGourty. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Treasurer, Lori Stout. A motion was made by Jennifer Feuerstein to accept the October and November Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Kim Bruner. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Checking Account: \$11,740.72

FOL: 7,183.05

TOS: 11,151.38

Shop Local: 872.16

Arts Events 5,125.91

Shop Small Cert. 622.14

Figures are from November, 2023.

Old Business:

Membership Update: Work is being done on a Paypal Account for dues payments. Dues will be due on January 31st with a grace period of April 30, 2024. Annual dues will be \$100.

GBPA Schedule of Events for 2023: The Christmas Decorating Contest was won by Alward Electric. The Christmas Tree Lighting was well attended, The Christmas Parade went very well with 55 entries. Chris Muma Logging won 1st prize, Sugar Spring won 2nd prize and Low Mart won 3rd prize. Al and Colleen Sawaya were the Grand Marshalls and Florence DeShano was the Volunteer of the Year. The Parade Committee thanks all the volunteers. The 2024 Christmas Parade will be December 7th.

Public Art: No mural updates.

Social Media: No updates.

New Business:

GBPA Meeting: GBPA Board members will not meet in December. The February, 2024 meeting will be the Annual Breakfast meeting. A motion was made by Jennifer Feuerstein that the first person's breakfast meal be \$5 and the second person's breakfast meal be \$15. Seconded by Blair McGourty. All ayes. Motion carried. Bob Balzer, Kim Bruner, Blair McGourty and LaVel Smith are up for reelection. If someone would like these positions, please contact Stacy Plude.

City Updates: Sarah Kile thanked everyone that was involved with the Christmas Parade. She said the Mosquito Abatement will be in effect for 4 more years. The City is sponsoring a Christmas Home Decorating Contest with prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100. They will be chosen on December 20 or 21. Nancy Bodnar said the Parade was good.

County Updates: The Public Safety Millage passed, there was a public hearing on the budget and new Board Rules were adopted.

Chamber Updates: January 12th is the first Legislative Breakfast with County Officials. \$20 per person or \$85 for the series. Information for the Directory is needed by the last week of December.

Business Updates and Announcements: Blair from Rugged Den said that Spotted Cheetah is closing inside of Rugged Den and going online. New things will be happening at Rugged Den. Kim from the Transit said ridership continues to increase. Vickie from JD Jewelers is doing very well. Dave from Maverick Ford said inventory is good. Stacy thanked Dave for the vehicles provided for the Christmas Parade. Kellie from Bella Ray Boutique said stock and vendor items are good. She encouraged the community to shop local. Northern Espresso is busy. Yvette from GAFT said they have a new space for GAFT in the Family Dollar/Marios Mexican Restaurant Plaza. Yvette also spoke about the donations to Sacred Heart Mission and how much they were appreciated. Tyler from Flynn Lumber spoke about the renovations at the store. Debbie from Master Gardeners said there will be an upcoming meeting to discuss Earth Day. Jennifer from H&S Companies is a new shareholder in the company. They are celebrating 40 years. Oasis Salon is doing great with many monthly features available. Lori from Council on Aging said they will be celebrating 50 years in December. Stacy from Riverwalk said the Holly Jolly Concert with Lynn Morgan went very well. Carriage rides at Riverwalk are busy. The wine tasting will be in February and March. Riverwalk is doing great.

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Feuerstein. Seconded by Kim Bruner.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at Riverwalk.

LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary