

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting Minutes of 1/3/2024

Meeting called to order by Stacy Plude with introductions.

Meeting minutes of 12/6/2023 were emailed to members and distributed at the meeting by LaVel Smith. A motion was made by Lori Stout to accept the December, 2023 GBPA meeting minutes. Seconded by Bob Balzer. All Ayes. Motion carried

Treasurers Report was read by Treasurer, Lori Stout.

Checking Account: \$10,064.87

FOL: 4,329.38 Shine needs to be paid.

TOS: 10,751.38

Shop Local: 836.26

Arts Events 4,974.83

Shop Small Cert. 622.14 Transferred to General Fund on 1/2/2024

81 paid members.

A motion was made by LaVel Smith to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Bob Balzer. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Membership Update: The website is up and running enabling members to pay for membership and the annual breakfast. The GBPA Website is updated. Dues will stay at \$100 for 2024 and are due on January 31. The first person from a business is \$5 and any others are \$15 for the annual breakfast

GBPA Schedule of Events for 2023: The next event is the Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th in the Gladwin City Park. This is the 25th year for the event. Lori Stout has organized this for many years. Other events will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

Public Art: No mural updates.

Social Media: No updates.

Election of Officers: Up for a 2 year renewal: Bob Balzer, Kim Bruner, Becky Hodgins, Blair McGourty, LaVel Smith. Returning to finish a second year are Jennifer Feuerstein, Stacy Plude, Lori Stout, Karen Moore, Star Gust. Contact Stacy Plude if you would like to be an officer or board member.

New Business:

GBPA Meeting: GBPA Board members will meet in January for a brainstorming session.

City Updates: No City updates

County Updates: No County updates.

Chamber Updates: January 12th is the first Legislative Breakfast with County Officials. \$20 per person or \$85 for the series.

Business Updates and Announcements: Holly Stearns is working on the Chamber Directory and it is going very well. She is offering a 10% promo discount on design work, Linda Winarski from the Historical Society said they need volunteers, Sandy from the Record said that Michelle Hisey had retired and they are hiring for a position, Dave Prah from Maverick Ford has an open sales position, Bob Balzer said that Consumer Power has taken over the operation of the Heartland Wind Farm, Flynn Lumber is getting ready for their busy season, Jennifer Feuerstein said it is tax season and getting busy, Blair McGourty said that Rugged Den will be having vendors/crafters in their store starting on February 1 along with the regular Rugged Den items, Stacy from Riverwalk said they had a beautiful New Year's Eve wedding, 3 wine tastings coming up, a wine social in January, a scrapbook retreat coming up and the GAFT murder mystery coming up in March, Lori Stout from Council on Aging said there is a great need for our seniors in the community, Kim Bruner from the Transit said the Transit is doing well.

Motion to adjourn by Kim Bruner. Seconded by Blair McGourty.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 7. This will be the Annual GBPA Breakfast at Riverwalk.

LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary