

Gladwin Business & Professional Association  
Annual Breakfast Meeting Minutes of 2/7/2024

Meeting called to order by President, Stacy Plude. Introductions of those in attendance.

**Meeting minutes** of 1/3/2024 were emailed to members and distributed at the meeting. Motion to accept as read by Lori Stout. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becky Hodgins. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report** was read by Treasurer, Lori Stout.

Checking Account: \$12,561.20

FOL: 1,329.38

TOS: 10,751.38

Shop Local: 836.26

Arts Events 5074.83

Shop Small was closed out and added to General Account. There was budget discussion. Stacy thanked Lori Stout for all her work.

51 Paid Members

Motion to accept Treasurers Report as read and to accept the budget and profit loss statement by Blair McGourty. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Bruner. All ayes.

Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Membership Update:** Jennifer Feuerstein thanked everyone for paying their dues. There are 51 paid members at this time. Jennifer encouraged everyone to join and be a part of the GBPA.

**Scheduled Events for 2024:** The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt is March 30<sup>th</sup>. Everything is ready to go. Lori Stout will decide on a date to fill the Easter eggs. Thunder on the Strip is May 18<sup>th</sup>. Mike and Karen Moore said they are working on a new Logo for the event. Bleachers were purchased with help from a grant from Consumers Power. The Arts and Crafts Festival will be changing this year to a Downtown Gladwin event with many activities planned. Lori Stout asked about a budget for the event. A motion was made by Karen Moore to transfer \$2,000 from Thunder on the Strip to the Arts Events. Seconded by Blair McGourty. All ayes. Motion carried. The Thursdays in the City event is organized for the summer months. Other events will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

**Public Art on Buildings:** No updates.

**New Business:**

**GBPA Election of Board Members:** There are 5 two year seats open on the GBPA Board. They will be filled by Holly Stearns, Kim Bruner, LaVel Smith, Mike Murray and Shannon Macon. A motion was made by Lori Stout to accept this list for the 2 year term on the GBPA board. Seconded by Becky Hodgins. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Chamber Updates:** The Legislative Breakfast will be February 9<sup>th</sup> with Congressman John Moolenaar as the speaker. The Chamber Golf Outing is May 17<sup>th</sup> at Sugar Springs Golf Course. The directories are being printed at this time.

**County Updates:** Karen Moore, Chair of the County Commissioners gave County updates. There was a public hearing to discuss grants and a Four Lakes Task Force joint meeting with Midland. The new M-30 bridge will start to be constructed on March 4. There will be a Gladwin County Community Builders Meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall to discuss what is good and bad about Gladwin County. There will be a followup meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**City Updates:** Sarah Kile said that great improvements are being made at the City Park, large grants have been received, 2 new cabins are being built by the CTE Program and the public will be able to name the cabins. Sarah encouraged people to attend the City Council meetings and thanked the GBPA for all they do for the community.

**Business Updates and Announcements:**

Holly Stearns said she is busy doing website work, social media and videos for businesses. Oasis Salon is busy, gearing up for the summer and for the wedding season. Tyler from Flynn Lumber said they are continuing to remodel and gearing up for the building season. Dave from Maverick Ford said they have a large selection of cars and are having an oil change special. Dave is also President of the Rotary and invites all to the meetings. Kelly from Hospice of Gladwin said they continue to help people in need. They are looking for volunteers and for donations to the Lending closet. Yvette from the Sacred Heart Mission said they have the green light for the addition and will announce a groundbreaking date. Yvette said she sees a great many people in need and to be kind to all. Sandy from the Gladwin Record said they hired a salesperson and that the Spring magazine will be out soon. Northern Espresso will collaborate with Sugar Beets and Blooms offering specials for Valentines Day and other holidays. Jeff from Burkhart Presidio Insurance discussed concerns about liability policies. Joe from Burkhart Presidio Insurance said that it was a successful year in enrollment in the Medicare Market, etc. Master Gardeners have invited speakers and vendors for the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Earth Day. The Gladwin County Garden Tour will be July 18<sup>th</sup> in the Beaverton area. FED is expanding their office space. Selena from Riverwalk Lodging said 3 wine tastings are sold out, the scrapbook weekend is sold out and there will be a Murder Mystery with GAFT coming up soon. Toni from Rivertown Inn said a busy wedding season is coming up for 2024. Curtis from Riverwalk Grill said they have some great specials and are busy. The Sugar Shack is doing some remodeling with new floors and are getting ready for summer at Sugar Springs. Lori from Life Smiles said they are having an Invisalign Special. Ryan from Huntington Bank said the bank is offering many types of services to customers. Superior Title is busy. Jeff from DeShano said they are on schedule for another busy year. Blair from Rugged Den said the Market at the store went very well and they had lots of business on the first Saturday. Kim from the Transit said the rider numbers are increasing and there will be a millage renewal in August. Becky from Pale Blue said there are changes coming. Lori Stout talked about the 5 year plan at Council on Aging, applying for grants, Meals on Wheels and that the millage renewal will be in August. Stacy from Riverwalk said things are good at Riverwalk.

The next Brainstorming meeting for events will be February 20<sup>th</sup> at Riverwalk, 8 am. A motion was made by Mike Murray to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lori Stout. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be March 8, 8.m. at Riverwalk.

*LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary*