

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2024

Meeting called to order by Stacy Plude with introductions.

Meeting minutes of 7/3/2024 were emailed to members and distributed at the meeting by LaVel Smith. Motion to accept as read by Lori Stout. 2nd by Mike Murray. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Treasurer, Lori Stout.

Checking Account: \$13,802.76
FOL: 1,329.38
TOS: 17,181.80
Shop Local: 703.61
Arts Events 6,243.83
Shop Gladwin 703.61
57 Paid Members

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

Old Business:

Membership Update: Jennifer Feuerstein gave an update on membership. PayPal is up and running.

GBPA Schedule of Events for 2024: Thursdays in the City is organized for August 22nd and August 29th, the 15 year celebration of Thunder on the Strip is scheduled for September 14th, the DALMAC Bike Tour is coming to Gladwin on August 29th, Fall in Gladwin will be organized by Jennifer Feuerstein, Michael Murray will be in charge of getting the cornstalks up on Cedar Avenue, the Pumpkin Painting will be part of Jeep Creep in 2024 and the Christmas Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade on December 7 is being organized. Jeep Creep, a Riverwalk event is scheduled for October 19th. A motion was made by LaVel Smith to give Riverwalk \$1500 from the GBPA as a sponsor of Jeep Creep. Seconded by Lori Stout. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Art: No mural updates.

Social Media: If anyone is interested in being in charge of social media for the GBPA, please contact Stacy Plude.

New Business:

City Updates: Hazardous Waste event had 321 people come through with hazardous waste. Most came from Butman Township.

County Updates: Budget is getting done, grant opportunities are coming to the County and Middle Michigan Development Corporation will have a small business development event on September 17. A motion was made by Lori Stout to give \$250 for the Pitch. Seconded by Michael Murray. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chamber Updates: The ORV Fun Fest is August 17th. There are 30 sponsors. There will be an intern at the Chamber for 6 weeks. Michigan's Backyard stickers are being sold for \$1.00

Business Updates and Announcements: The Miss Gladwin County Pageant committee is meeting once per month. Support is needed from BABA and GBPA. Yvette Keast from Sacred Heart Mission thanked everyone for coming to the Ground Breaking of the Mission addition. The Hospice Duck Race raised \$10,000. Sugar Springs Marina is gearing up for Fall. Cheryl from the Char House said they are expanding the kitchen to have two kitchens, they have hired a chef, they are very busy writing menus and would like to host events in the future. Jennifer Feuerstein from H&S said there are several tax changes happening. Tyler from Flynn Lumber said things are going great and that they had transformed the store over the past weekend. Riverwalk is celebrating 20 years on August 2nd, Margaritaville is August 15th, Jeep Creep is October 19th and several weddings are coming up in September and October. Lori Stout from Council on Aging said the new millage did not pass by 53 votes but will be on the November ballot. The renewal millage did pass.

Motion to adjourn by Lori Stout. Seconded by Michael Murray. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 4, 2024

LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary