

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2024

Meeting called to order by Stacy Plude with introductions.

Meeting minutes of 8/7/2024 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: \$11,365.76

FOL: 3,829.38

TOS: 16,520.80

Shop Gladwin: 684.66

Arts Events 5,443.83

57 Paid Members

Motion to accept Treasurers Report as read by Michael Murray. 2nd by Kim Bruner. All ayes. Motion carried

Old Business:

Membership Update: 57 Paid Members

GBPA Schedule of Events for 2024: Thursdays in the City are done for the year. The 15 year celebration of Thunder on the Strip is scheduled for September 14th, the DALMAC Bike Tour on August 29th was a hit again with the bikers loving Gladwin, Fall in Gladwin will be organized by Jennifer Feuerstein, Michael Murray will be in charge of getting the cornstalks and scare crows 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. Insurance policy discussion for events. The Street Festival and Thunder on the Strip are exempt from the regular policy.

Public Art: No mural updates.

Social Media: Holly Stearns and Tyler Schlitzkus have offered to be in charge of social media

Miss Gladwin County Update: The committee is working through rules, getting members on board from Gladwin and Beaverton, etc. This will probably be a January or February, 2025 event.

New Business:

City Updates: The City has hired a new police officer that will come with a dog that is already trained. The Public Safety Millage is coming up on the November ballot.

County Updates: No update

Chamber Updates: The ORV Fun Fest in August was well attended and there will be a Meet the Candidate event on October 10th, 5:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall.

Business Updates and Announcements: Michael from Burkhart Presidio Insurance said health insurance is going up. Mid Michigan will not be accepting Aetna Insurance after January 1, 2025. Shannon from Sugar Springs Marina said they are busy with Fall activities. Shannon also said the Leadership Class is full and will go until February and then the Youth Session will begin. Megan from the Gladwin Record said the Car Show will be September 14th at the Fairgrounds. Kim from the Transit said some of the drivers went to State Rodeo and will then be going to San Diego in May or June, 2025 to compete. Many school children are riding on the Transit buses. Stacy from Riverwalk said she is still hearing many great things about the Street Festival, that Riverwalk is gearing up for Jeep Creep on October 19th, that they need sponsorship and vendors for Jeep Creep, that a new Fall menu is coming out October 1st and that they are busy with September and October weddings. Lori from Council on Aging reminded everyone that the Council on Aging millage will be on the ballot again in November. Stacy reminded everyone to nominate people for the 40 under 40 awards which celebrate the achievements and contributions of young professionals.

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 2, 2024

LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary