

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

Meeting called to order by Stacy Plude with introductions.

Meeting minutes of 11/6/2024 were emailed to members and distributed at the meeting by LaVel Smith. Motion to accept as read by Michael Murray. 2nd by Kim Bruner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Lori Stout.

Checking Account: \$7,658.90
FOL: 2,482.50
TOS: 9,364.78
Shop Gladwin: 627.81
Arts Events 4,662.15
57 Paid Members

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

Old Business:

Membership Update: 57 Paid Members.

GBPA Schedule of Events for 2024: The Fall decorating on Cedar Avenue with cornstalks and scarecrows went great. Michael Murray said we could use an extra 7-10 scarecrows every year for replacement. Thank you to Chris Kokotovich and staff for putting up the cornstalks. The Christmas Parade and tree lighting is organized. Volunteers are needed on Saturday night. The route will be the same and Santa will be at Riverwalk. Congratulations to Volunteer of the Year, Mike Moore and Thane and Trina Grove, Parade Grand Marshalls.

Social Media: No update. Need volunteers to do social media.

Miss Gladwin County Update: The committee is working through rules, getting members on board from Gladwin and Beaverton, etc. They are meeting on a regular basis and will have a float in the Christmas Parade. There will be a fundraiser Gala for scholarships the first part of March, 2025.

Mural Update: Karen Moore, Zac Krahner, LaVel Smith and the Artist Guild will volunteer to get this project going again.

New Business:

Elections: GBPA election at the February Annual Breakfast meeting.

Sound System: Discussion on moving sound system to another building. Where it will be, what the maintenance cost will be and who will pay for it. Master Electric needs to be contacted as they installed the system.

City Update: Possible charging stations coming near Gladwin City Hall. The Conservation District is organizing a canoe race on May 17 starting at the City Park and ending at Ross Lake Park. Details are being finalized on the race.

County Updates: The 4 Lakes Task Force will have back to back meetings in the next week, there are 2 new commissioners starting in January and the county is in the middle of employee negotiations.

Chamber Updates: The Legislative Breakfast series will begin on January 10, 2025. Two new Gladwin City Council members were voted in. The old Next Door Food Store will be torn down.

Business Updates and Announcements: Michael Murray said the time is winding down for Medicare Coverage Plans. The Gladwin Record is busy and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Char Stonehouse update with plans to open in the Spring of 2025. Dave from Maverick Ford said they have lots of vehicles and good interest rates. Parent Teacher Organization update from Lorraine Carman. GAFT thanked everyone for sold out shows and thanked their sponsors. There will be a Farm Market at the GAFT building on December 7th. Shannon Macon said there will be a Community Band Concert on December 15 at 3 p.m. at the High School Cafetorium. Lori from Council on Aging thanked all for voting in the Millage which will help many seniors. Kim from the Transit said that bus ridership has increased and they are celebrating 50 years. Stacy from Riverwalk said they are gearing up for Christmas, they had many for Thanksgiving Dinner at Riverwalk, Santa will be at Riverwalk after the Parade and again on December 15, there will be wine tastings in January, February and March, gift certificates are available and Stacy thanked Whitney and Felicia for organizing the Christmas Parade. Blair McGourty gave an update and offers available at Chic Boutique and Oasis.

Motion to adjourn by Lori Stout. Seconded by Blair McGourty. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 8, 2025

LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary