

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting Minutes of Annual Breakfast, February 5, 2025

Meeting called to order by Stacy Plude with introductions.

Meeting minutes of 1/8/2025 were emailed to members and distributed at the meeting by LaVel Smith. Motion to accept as read by Lori Stout. 2nd by Karen Moore. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Lori Stout.

Checking Account: \$9,000.70

FOL: 2,025.50

TOS: 10,364.78

Shop Gladwin: 59.91

Arts Events 4,662.15

43 Paid Members (12 New Members)

Motion to accept Treasurers Report as read by LaVel Smith. 2nd by Michael Murray. All ayes. Motion carried. The budget was distributed to members.

Old Business:

Membership Update: 43 paid members (12 New members) If you pay online, a receipt will be emailed to you. A Sponsorship option has been added to the Dues Application.

GBPA Schedule of Events for 2025: 26th Easter Egg Hunt April 19th, 11 a.m. Sharp in the Gladwin City Park. Thunder on the Strip is May 17th and September 13th. Summer Street Festival July 12th, Downtown Gladwin. Thursday in the City to be determined. DALMAC Bike Tour August 28th. Fall in Gladwin/Cornstalks and Decorating in September and October. Pumpkin Painting October 18th at Riverwalk during Jeep Creep. Christmas Tree Lighting and Festival of Lights Christmas Parade December 6th, Downtown Gladwin.

Social Media: 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. There will be a fundraiser Gala event for scholarships on March 8th. The Miss Gladwin County Event will be June 28th.

Public Arts Update: Karen Moore said there was one meeting to discuss public art in the City of Gladwin. There will be another meeting on February 7th at Redeemed Marketplace.

New Business:

Elections: A ballot with people to be elected as board members was presented. Before the vote, Karen Moore made a motion to take her name off of the ballot and elect the rest of the people on the ballot to the board. Seconded by Sarah Kile. All ayes. Motion carried. Jamie from Hospice has agreed to be elected to the 1 year term replacing Holly Stearns who resigned. A motion was made by Kim Bruner to accept the nomination of Jamie to the 1 year term. Seconded by Blair McGourty. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sound System: No discussion.

City Update: Mayor Sarah Kile reported there is still no Mayor Pro Tem, that positive change is coming, meetings from the public will be scheduled with the City Manager on certain days, volunteers are needed on City committees, discussion on where the Charging Station will be located, (Riverwalk has offered some land for the charging stations, there will be an RESD/CTE millage on May 6th. Sarah also mentioned that the Big Brothers/Big Sisters dinner will be March 12th at the Doherty Hotel.

County Updates: Karen Moore was elected as the Chair of the County Commissioners. Mike Visnaw is the Vice Chair. There are two new County Commissioners. Melanie Thume is the Deputy County Administrator. The county needs members of the Community for the Animal Shelter Advisory Board and the Master Plan Committee.

Chamber Updates: The Legislative Breakfast is February 14th with MSU Executive Director and Ken Roberts from Veterans Affairs. The Sugar Springs Ice Fishing Derby is February 15th from 7 a.m-3 p.m. Register at the Sugar Springs Chalet, \$10 per person. The March 14th Legislative breakfast will have Representative and Senator speakers. The Chamber Golf Outing is May 16th. The community is voicing concerns about the Trout Lake Dam project.

Business Updates and Announcements: The Secretary of the PTO thanked the GBPA for the time at the last meeting and that there will be a Princess Ball on March 8th, Joe Kreuch and Michael Murray from Burkhart Presidio Insurance said they were very busy with Medicare enrollment. Andrew Rhind said he is doing a website for Tobacco Township and is able to do updates on chrome books to make them work and on computers. Bob Balzer from Consumers Power talked about grants that were awarded and the upcoming Prosperity Awards Grant. Curtis from Riverwalk Grill said to make Valentine reservations and that there would be a Wine Tasting on February 15th (only 2 tickets were left). Blair from Chic Boutique said they have lots of new items in the store. Jeff from Burkhart Presidio said to take a look at your policies and make sure you have Cyber Stealing on the policy. Jennifer from H&S Tax said tax season is upon us and to remind people that the IRS will never call or email you. Brock from FED said they have a busy year ahead and that they are hiring for different positions. Chris from Members First said they are changing different programs and the Financial Advisor said they are cautiously optimistic for the upcoming year. Deb Decker from Master Gardeners said Earth Day will be April 17th at the High School with two speakers. One speaker will talk on irrigation and the other on vegetable and herb gardens. The Garden Tour will be July 11th in the Beaverton area. A Superior Title representative spoke about seller fraud. Shannon from Sugar Springs Marina is excited about the boat shows coming up. Zach from the Conservation District spoke about the Canoe Marathon Race on May 23 and May 24 which is a 12 ½ mile race down the Cedar River to Beaverton. There will be speakers, 5K event, vendors and other activities. They need volunteers and contributions for the race. Zach from My Mid Michigan said he is very involved in Community Education. 250 kids in the schools have had CPR training. Lorraine Carman from S&H Engraving said there will be an interactive play coming up in March. Jamie from Hospice of Gladwin is looking for volunteers for the office, delivering supplies and for care in the home. There will be a Bake Sale on March 25th and 26th at the Free Methodist Church from 11 a.m-

1 p.m. Jennifer Grace from the Arnold Center said they provide residential crews for services in the community and recycling services. Yvette from the Sacred Heart Mission spoke about the expansion of the Mission and what it will provide for the community when it is finished. Selena from Riverwalk Lodging said the golf simulator has been very busy and is booking fast, there will be a Wine Tasting on March 22. Toni from Rivertown Inn said they have a Lake Michigan shaped pool at the Inn, have space for banquets and parties and a bar. Cheryl from Char Stonehouse spoke about the expansion of the Stonehouse and about trying to get Social District Permits for events on the street. Kim from the Transit said they are busy, have 3 people going to California for the rodeo and that they are celebrating 50 years this year. Stacy from Riverwalk said she is looking forward to many events in the City and at Riverwalk. Lori Stout gave an update on the Council on Aging. They provide many kinds of care through the Friendly Driver program. Tyler from Flynn Lumber said there was a major remodeling project and that the Grand Reopening which is open to the public will be April 23rd from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Stacy Plude thanked everyone for coming to the Annual GBPA Breakfast.

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Feuerstein. Seconded by Michael Murray. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 5 at Riverwalk Place.

LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary