

Gladwin Business & Professional Association  
Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2025

Meeting called to order by Stacy Plude with introductions.

**Meeting minutes** of 3/5/2025 were emailed to members and distributed at the meeting by LaVel Smith. Motion to accept as read by Lori Stout. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tyler Schlitzkus. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Checking Account: \$8,673.06  
FOL: 2,025.50  
TOS: 10,364.78  
Shop Gladwin: 552.01  
Arts Events 4,712.15

60 Paid Members

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

**Old Business:**

**Membership Update:** 64 Paid members. 14 new members.

**GBPA Schedule of Events for 2025:** 26th Easter Egg Hunt April 19<sup>th</sup>, (thank you Members 1<sup>st</sup> for stuffing the Easter egg,) 11 a.m. Sharp in the Gladwin City Park. Thunder on the Strip is May 17<sup>th</sup> and September 13<sup>th</sup>. Leuter Insurance Group will be sponsoring the insurance for Thunder on the Strip event. Summer Street Festival July 12<sup>th</sup>, Downtown Gladwin. Thursdays in the City are July 24, July 31, August 14, August 21 and August 28. DALMAC Bike Tour August 28<sup>th</sup>. Fall in Gladwin/Cornstalks and Decorating in September and October. Pumpkin Painting October 18<sup>th</sup> at Riverwalk during Jeep Creep. Christmas Tree Lighting and Festival of Lights Christmas Parade December 6<sup>th</sup>, Downtown Gladwin. A motion was made by Lori Stout to transfer \$2300 from the Thunder on the Strip account to the Summer Street Festival. Seconded by LaVel Smith. Discussion on making a new account for Street Festival before funds were transferred. It was decided to make a new Street Festival Account. Lori Stout made a motion to transfer \$2300 from Thunder on the Strip account to a new Street Festival Account and to transfer \$2700 from the General Account to the Street Festival Account. Seconded by LaVel Smith. All ayes. Motion carried. All ayes.

**Social Media:** Need volunteers to do social media.

**Miss Gladwin County Update:** There were 135 attendees and 9 contestants at the scholarship event on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The Miss Gladwin County Event will be June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Arts Update:** Regular meetings are being held on Public Art. Requests for funds are in process.

**New Business:**

**Sound System:** At this time, there is no music on Mainstreet. The sound system has been moved. Details need to be finalized. Stacy will update soon.

**City Update:** Kim, the Interim City Manager, is in office on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. She has been very busy.

**County Updates:** No updates.

**Chamber Updates:** The Sacred Heart Mission Ribbon Cutting is on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. 1500 Chamber Directories are out. The May 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative Breakfast will host Congressman John Moolenaar. The Chamber Golf Outing is May 16<sup>th</sup>. Ashley from the BAC was in attendance to announce the October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Women's Expo at the BAC. They need vendors.

**Business Updates and Announcements:** Jennifer from H&S Companies said they are busy with tax season and gave some tax updates. Debbie from the Master Gardeners said Earth Day will be April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Gladwin High School with two speakers. Doors open at 4:45 pm. The Garden Tour will be in the Beaverton area on July 17<sup>th</sup>. The Master Gardeners are looking for sponsors. JD Jewelers is doing well. Gold is very high and they are doing custom work. Zach from My Mid Michigan gave an update about availability of car seats. Ashley from BAC gave an update on activities at the BAC. They will be open 10 years in October. Laura from Mainstreet Designs said it is Little League time. Chris from Members 1<sup>st</sup> said they are having several promotions. Sandy from the Gladwin Record welcomed Tyler Schlitzkus as a new employee of the Record. Cheryl from Char Stonehouse gave an update of the opening of the restaurant. Andrew Rhind said to bring him your old computers to see if they can be updated. Lorraine from GAFT said there are auditions coming up for the Summer Musical. Jamie from Hospice thanked the community for the wonderful bake sale fundraiser. They will be getting the Newsletter out soon. They need volunteers and sponsors for the Duck Race. Jennifer from ACI said they are rolling out a new marketing campaign, they are doing recycling and looking for an RN as Case Manager. Bob Balzer said Consumers have been very busy with the storms happening in Michigan and that the Gladwin Economic Development is without a Director. Go to the Michigan Works website to check on the Director position. Dave from Maverick Ford said they have lots of inventory, interest rates have been steady and tariffs have not affected business. Tyler from the Gladwin Record gave one last update for Flynn Lumber. Flynn's will have a regrandopening on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Selena from Myers for Tires said they are open on Saturday. Stacy from Riverwalk said they will be having a Scrapbook Retreat and that Wedding Season is coming up. Blair from Chic Boutique said they are busy.

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Feuerstein. Seconded by Tyler Schlitzkus. Meeting adjourned.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 7 at Riverwalk Place.**

*LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary*