

Gladwin Business & Professional Association  
Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025

Meeting called to order by Stacy Plude with introductions.

**Meeting minutes** of 12/4/2024 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 Shannon Macon. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Checking Account: \$7,430.70

FOL: 2,350.50

TOS: 9,364.78

Shop Gladwin: 608.86

Arts Events 4,662.15

8 Paid members (2 are new) and 13 for the Annual Breakfast.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report as read by Karen Moore. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Bruner. All ayes. Motion carried. The End of the Year Financial Statement was sent to Board Members by Lori Stout. Lori Stout made a motion that H&S Companies would do the 990 Form for 2024 at a cost of \$650.

Seconded by Karen Moore. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Membership Update:** 8 paid members (2 new) and 13 for the Annual Breakfast. 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 2024:** The Christmas Parade went very well. More volunteers are needed for the balloons. Discussion on concerns of throwing candy, etc. There were no registrations for the Christmas decorating contest. Judging was still done and Burkhart-Presidio were the winners.

**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. There will be a fundraiser Gala event for scholarships on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The Miss Gladwin County Event will be June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Mural Update:** Karen Moore, Zac Krahner and LaVel Smith will meet concerning Art projects.

**New Business:**

**Elections:** GBPA election at the February Annual Breakfast meeting. Some new Board Members are needed.

**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:** 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, there will be an RESD/CTE millage this year, there will be a Youth Summit on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the RESD and those needing support can contact the 988 Suicide Prevention Site.

**County Updates:** Karen Moore was elected as the Chair of the County Commissioners. There are two new County Commissioners.

**Chamber Updates:** The Legislative Breakfast series will begin on January 10, 2025. Mid Michigan Health will be sponsoring the Legislative Breakfast. January 17 is the Chamber Dinner.

**Business Updates and Announcements:** The President and Secretary of the PTO gave an update on the goals of the PTO, how to engage with the community, how to make targeted donations, how to donate services/gifts in kind. To get more info about the PTO, go to facebook or email, etc. Dave and Mary Moore from Stone Cottage Gardens said their Little Black Rake is manufactured locally and they have been travelling to shows, etc. State Farm is looking to become more involved in the GBPA. Members First Credit Union wants to become more involved in the GBPA. Hospice is looking forward to 2025 and will be involved the weekend of the Street Festival. Sarah Kile said the Big Brothers/Big Sisters event will be March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Doherty Hotel. Shannon Macon from Sugar Springs Marina said they are getting ready for boating season, that this is the 20<sup>th</sup> year for Sugar Springs Marina and that Skeels still has discount cards if anyone is interested. Jennifer from H&S Companies gave updates on forms and dates for filing taxes. Mike Moore gave an update on Thunder on the Strip and that people want to be new sponsors of the event. Scott, the new Editor from the Gladwin Record gave updates. Lori Stout gave updates on the Council for Aging and thanked everyone for voting for the millage. Lorraine Carman gave an update on GAFT performances. Tyler from Flynn Lumber said the Grand Reopening will be April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cheryl from the Char Stonehouse said she hopes to open in April and that she was appreciative of the Midland Daily News Article about the restaurant. Yvette from GAFT said the Dinner Theatre will be March 14, 15 and 16 with two evening performances and one afternoon performance. Yvette said the outside of the addition to Sacred Heart Mission is completed with more work inside to be completed. She is hoping for a May Openhouse. Yvette needs two desks and a child's table for the Mission. Kim from the Transit said they are celebrating 50 years. Stacy said there will be a Wine Tasting event in January, February and March, Riverwalk has purchased the lot next door for a parking lot and that Riverwalk is looking forward to 2025.

Motion to adjourn by Lori Stout. Seconded by Mike Moore. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting/Annual Breakfast will be Wednesday, February 5, 2025. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and Meeting at 8 a.m.

LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary