

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2025

Meeting called to order by Stacy Plude with introductions.

Election of Officers: There were no other members that wanted to be on the Board. A motion was made by Stacy Plude that the Board continue as is. Seconded by Andrew Rhind. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting minutes of 2/5/2025 were emailed to members and distributed at the meeting by LaVel Smith. Motion to accept as read by Lori Stout. 2nd by Blair McGourty. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Lori Stout.

Checking Account: \$9,399.37

FOL: 2,025.50

TOS: 10,364.78

Shop Gladwin: 570.96

Arts Events 4,712.15

60 Paid Members

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

Old Business:

Membership Update: 60 Paid members.

GBPA Schedule of Events for 2025: 26th Easter Egg Hunt April 19th (Volunteers are needed), 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 (Next meeting on April 1). Thursdays 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: There will be a fundraiser Gala event for scholarships on March 8th. The Miss Gladwin County Event will be June 28th.

Public Arts Update: March 18th is the next meeting at Redeemed Marketplace.

New Business:

Correspondence: A thank you card was received from the Joe Myers Family. Bring flyers to the GBPA meetings if you have an event for your business. Holy Stearns is now working for AMPM, a marketing agency, but, will continue to update the GBPA website.

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.

Conservation District River Race: The River Race will be May 22 and 23. Several activities are being organized. They are asking for sponsorship. A motion was made by LaVel Smith to give the River Race \$500 from the GBPA as sponsorship for the event. Seconded by Kim Bruner. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Update: Kim, the Interim City Manager, was in attendance. Kim gave updates on upcoming projects. Linda Winarski said there about 20 projects going on in the City. The Parks Commission needs some new members as 2 people resigned.

County Updates: No updates.

Chamber Updates: The Legislative Breakfast is March 14th. The March 14th Legislative breakfast will have Representative and Senator speakers. The May 9th Legislative Breakfast will host Congressman John Moolenaar. The Chamber Golf Outing is May 16th.

Business Updates and Announcements: The Secretary of the PTO announced the Princess Ball on March 8th, the next meeting of the PTO will be March 18th. Yvette Keast said there will be an alumni Leadership event on May 14th at Rivertown Inn. Yvette announced the open house/ribbon cutting of Sacred Heart Mission on April 2 at 4:30 p.m.. She said the expansion is beautiful and thanked the DeShano Foundation, Consumers and Tom Freeman from SavALot for their support. Star from Redeemed Marketplace said there will be a Market event on April 12th from 11 a.m-3 p.m. Lori from Council on Aging said there will be Meals on Wheels Ride a Longs from March 17-21. Lorraine from S&H said they are having a great Spring, they support many organizations. Lorraine also gave an update on the GAFT performances at Riverwalk. Shannon from Sugar Springs Marina said they are getting busy and looking forward to the Boat Shows. Jennifer from the Arnold Center said they have confidential shredding and will do pickup. Jamie from Hospice said they will have a volunteer training on March 14th from 9:30 a.m-3 p.m. They are also having a bake sale on March 25th and 26th at the Free Methodist Church gym. Selena from Myers for Tires said they will be starting Saturday hours on March 15th. Zach from MyMidMichigan spends a lot of time in schools educating students on CPR. There will be a Car Seat Tech Class coming up along with a fall prevention class. EMS Week is in May. Thank an EMS person. Stacy from Riverwalk said they have wine tastings, a Murder Mystery Play, a Scrapbook Retreat and a Master Haircutting event coming up soon. Kim from the Transit said they will have a May 21st Openhouse to celebrate 50 years. Blair from Chic Boutique said they are having a sale and that new items are coming in daily.

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 2 at Riverwalk Place.

LaVel Smith, GBPA Secretary