

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting Minutes October 5, 2011

Meeting called to order by President, Donna Ridley with Introductions.

Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2011 read by Jolene Compton. Motion to accept minutes as read by Richard Beadle, 2nd by Tom Cummins. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Lori Stout

Checking : \$10,138.40 with 68 paid members.

Savings: \$6,948.91

Festival of Lights: \$4,194.92

Motion to accept by Priscilla Szerdi as read, 2nd Cummins. Motion Carried

Old Business

- ❖ Thunder on the Strip – Beautiful day! We had 71 drivers. Tammy Hawblitzel gave big “THANK YOU” to all the volunteers. Should have final figures for next meeting. Airport is to receive
- ❖ Loyalty Cards – Priscilla reported that right now they have responses for 718 cards and 12 businesses. Committee could use another volunteer and it also is still working with Beaverton. The committee will bring back bids to GBPA for card purchases. Compton motioned to purchase between 3,000 and 5,000 cards – contingent on Board approval of bids, Beadle 2nd Motion carried.
- ❖ Business After Hours – Burkhart-Presidio event went well, Richard Beadle – Edward Jones will be Thursday, October 6 from 5-6:30. It will have Fall Theme. Taunt Electric has November and Tammy Hawblitzel (S&H Engraving) will take on December. Historical Society has January.
- ❖ Fall in Gladwin – Cornstalks are up! Thanks Chris Kokotovich for doing so! Treats will be awarded to best display from GBPA. Judging will be done at next meeting.

New Business

- ❖ Halloween Party Donation – Motion by Stout to contribute \$100, Cummins 2nd. Motion Carried.
- ❖ Festival of Lights Donation - Motion by Beadle to contribute \$1,000, Cummins 2nd. Motion Carried.
- ❖ Sports Complex Donation - Looking for volunteers to help with moving of playground equipment from Sacred Heart to Sports Complex on 10/8/11. Also, looking for donation to purchase rubber ground cover. Motion by Hawblitzel to contribute \$450, Beadle 2nd. Motion Carried.
- ❖ Santa – Discussed having Santa be stationed at various businesses instead in just one spot. Cummins and Nancy Fees will work on scheduling.
- ❖ Fall Tractor Show – Josh Reid approached Ridley about GBPA possibly organizing a Fall Tractor Show. Decided to table idea to later time.
- ❖ Sleigh Full of Gifts – Ridley organizing this year. Sleigh will be showcased at Flynn Lumber. If your business does not have a product to contribute, consider gift certificates to other businesses or Gladwin Money from the Chamber.
- ❖ The Guide – pass – no discussion at this time
- ❖ WMRX – Did short presentation on services/advertising. If interested in advertising with this radio station, please contact representative.
- ❖ Barricades – Historical Society made 30 barricades (10 foot long) for various events. GBPA is welcome to use for our events. The Society would like for GBPA to contribute to cost. Cummins will get us a cost per barricade for next meeting.

- ❖ Portable Stage – Cummins reported Society is getting quotes on Portable Stage. Meeting 10/11 at 2PM if interested. Will hear back from Cummins on possible donation to project.
- ❖ Flower Holders on Bridge – Reviewed picture and had discussion about having flower boxes on bridge in town. Some questions asked were: Do we need permission from State? Who would pay for maintenance? Should we do “in memory of”? Has anyone contacted Master Gardeners? Decided to table discussion until Spring.
- ❖ Festival of Lights Parade - Committee could use Volunteers on day of event, needs more money, and participation. Theme is “Once Upon a Time.” Parade Committee will have Princess Float along with Santa Float.
- ❖ Volunteer of the Year – Festival Committee has organized a Volunteer of the Year program in conjunction with Parade. Last year, Bill & LaVel Smith were our Volunteers of the Year. If you have a suggestion, Shannon Greaves has forms and they will be mailed out with Parade Sponsorship forms.
- ❖ Christmas Decorations on Streets Downtown - Bill Smith is working on revamping old big downtown decorations. Hopefully we will see them this upcoming holiday season.

City of Gladwin Announcements – Elvira’s has new owners, Hydrant testing is done (should have 52 to 70 pounds of pressure now), Paving Complete by end of first week in October, Park Project done but still raising funds for playground equipment, Farmer’s Market Pavilion contract has been awarded to Master Electric and hope to start by year-end.

Other Announcements –

- ❖ Historical Society having Founders Day, Saturday, October 8, 2011 and also having Historian on Halloween discussing outhouse archeology.
- ❖ Ward’s having Fall Festival on 10/8/11
- ❖ Pine’s having Blood Pressure check on 10/2011
- ❖ Beaverton Rural Schools having 75th Birthday of Building on 10/16/11 from 2PM-4PM
- ❖ Rotary having 5th Annual Wine Tasting 10/13/11 from 5-7PM
- ❖ Harvest Dinner at 1st Presbyterian Church on 10/13/12
- ❖ Arts Council having Pumpkin Painting 10/29/11 in City Park
- ❖ Tree Lighting with be 12/2/11

Meeting adjourned. Stout motioned, Beadle 2nd, Motion Carried.