

Gladwin Business & Professional Association  
Minutes  
April 1, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 by President Shannon Greaves. Introductions were completed.

Meeting minutes from March, 2009 were not available to be approved.

Treasurer's report given by Stout, general fund balance \$2,678.23/Festival of Lights balance \$6,455.30/ Shop Gladwin account \$2,300.00/ savings account \$7,874.43 with 42 paid members. Motion by Presidio, second by Compton to approve treasurer's report, motion approved.

Election of officer's was held – approval of board to stay as follows: Shannon Greaves, president – Jolene Compton as vice president, Debbie Good as secretary, Lori Stout as treasurer. Motion passed.

The Gladwin DDA will be giving the GBPA \$4,200.00 to cover the expense of the 4 additional flower pots, hanging baskets, flowers and the upkeep to be done by GCI employees. The 2009 projected budget will reflect the changes. This was an area the Blueprint Project said that should be done immediately. Hyatt-Palma suggested that the GBPA work very closely with the DDA on projects for the downtown Gladwin area.

Easter Egg Hunt will be 11:00 on Saturday April 11, 2009 at the Gladwin City Park.

Greaves gave an update on the Fun Days – Melody Wentworth accepted to be the chairperson but will need help. Melody gave an outline of the Trash to Treasure decorating contest and also Off Main Movie Night schedule.

Greaves gave an update on the 501c3 for the Festival of Lights. The paperwork is started thru Jacobson's office.

Greaves also she just sent in a grant for \$323,000.00 to the DNR Trust Fund for renovations in the city park – tear down of old restroom and to have it rebuilt, tennis courts redone, hard mat that wheel chairs can go down to the beach on and also a look out doc for people to walk on that have disabilities.

Presidio mentioned how he would like to see the city take over cleaning the sidewalks of snow, but let the county keep plowing main street. The Blueprint also mentioned this in things that need to be taken care of. Presidio mentioned that we need to have a joint meeting with the DDA, GBPA, Chamber and the city to prioritize a list of the items Hyatt-Palma made note of.

*There was much discussion on the brochures. Hyatt-Palma mentioned the brochure in the Blueprint, they would like to see all businesses in the brochure not just GBPA member's. After much discussion we will be printing only our member's in the brochure at this time. **The membership is \$60.00 or \$5.00 per month for great advertising, plus being included on the many events the GBPA brings to Gladwin. Merchant support of the GBPA is crucial for the funding of the many events and projects over the years; the brochure is just one example of their commitment.***

The Shop Gladwin Campaign is going very well; Jody from the Gladwin Record gets kudos for the designing of the ads. There is still time for more merchants to get on board with this campaign. So far there are 10 different ad designs.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:00.

**Reminder: Dues were to be paid by March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not paid your dues of \$60.00 please mail in your check to:**

**Gladwin Business & Professional Association; PO Box 607 Gladwin, Mi 48624**

Minutes submitted by:

*Lori J. Stout*