

Gladwin Business & Professional Association
Meeting of 10-5-2016

Meeting called to order by President, Tammy Hawblitzel with introductions of those present.

Meeting minutes of 9-7-2016 were read by Secretary, LaVel Smith. Motion to accept as read by Dirk Presidio. 2nd by Bob Balzer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Treasurer, Lori Stout.

Checking Account: \$4,100.40

Savings: 340.86

FOL: 3,730.82

TOS: 11,424.82

Shop Local: 1,690.00

Arts Events: 4,462.40

Motion to accept Treasurers Report as read by Dirk Presidio. 2nd by LaVel Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Thunder on the Strip: Thunder on the Strip went very well. 94 drivers. A date for 2017 will be set soon.

Fall in Gladwin: Mainstreet looks good with the cornstalks and scarecrows. Dirk thanked Kelly and Vickie for picking up the scarecrows.

Halloween Pumpkin Painting: The pumpkin painting is organized and will be October 22nd.

Festival of Lights Christmas Parade: The Parade is organized, the balloons are paid for and other events before the parade are being scheduled at this time. Possible music in the Downtown area. There will be no fireworks in the Park but maybe at the Fairgrounds.

Business After Hours: The October Business After Hours will be at King Lumber on October 6 from 5-7 p.m. LaVel Smith will be coordinating Business After Hours for 2017. If you would like to have it, please contact LaVel.

New Business:

Chamber Directory Ad: There was discussion about putting an ad with 2017 GBPA events in the Chamber Directory. A motion was made by Dirk Presidio to spend \$425 for the ad in the Directory. Seconded by Bob Balzer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Residential Tree Lighting: Don Kehoe talked with Lori Stout about having a Residential Tree Lighting in the City of Gladwin. There would be 1st (\$300), 2nd (\$200) and 3rd (\$100) prizes given to the winners. Don asked for a donation from the GBPA. A motion was made by Lori Stout to donate \$100 for the Tree Lighting. Seconded by Dirk Presidio. All ayes. Motion carried.

Cedar Avenue Garden: The Garden looks beautiful.

Announcements:

City of Gladwin Updates: The electronic sign for City Hall will be installed soon, the land transfer for the Bike Path is finished, all industrial buildings are occupied, a grant is being written so that Gladwin can have better water and there was a City of Gladwin audit.

Jeep Creep: October 21-23 at Riverwalk and the Wild Game Dinner went very well. Heather asked for volunteers to register and park cars at the Jeep Creep.

Business Updates and Announcements:

1. The Gladwin Record Holiday Guide comes out November 23rd.
2. Donna Ridley from Flynn Lumber gave an update on Flynn Lumber. Donna also gave an update on the Leadership group and the donations given out.
3. Bob Balzer said that the factories are doing good and that training grants are being applied for.
4. Joel Vernier said the Knights of Columbus Fish and Shrimp dinners are going very well, that there will be a training program for Bingo in October and that the Sacred Heart Bazaar will be November 18 & 19.
5. Smokin Bob's Barbeque will be set up at the Chamber of Commerce Parking lot on October 7 from 11-6.
6. Yvette Keast from the Chambers said that October 13 will be the open house for Kelly Armbruster (Thrivent) from 4-6 p.m. and October 20 will be the ribbon cutting for Northern Espresso at 10 a.m., everyone should be watching for someone calling as Consumers Power as it is a scam, GAFT will be having a musical in October and October 13th from 5-7 p.m. there will be a meeting concerning constructing a \$2.5 million building to be used for activities in Gladwin.
7. Pastor Blatt is distributing Table Tents to restaurants.

Motion to adjourn by Lori Stout. 2nd by LaVel Smith. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting at City Hall on November 2, 2016

