

Kasson Chamber of Commerce

April 2022 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2022

Location: Kasson City Hall - New Council Chambers

Time: 12:00-1:00 PM (Lunch at 11:30 AM)

Board Members

Present: Tom Monson (President), Matt Bradford (Treasurer), Jennifer Galloway (Vice President), Jenny Carrier (Secretary), Stevie Ersland, Dan Ziebel, Sara Goodnow, Angie Bowman, Jill Moosbrugger

Absent:

Thank you DCI for sponsoring today's lunch!

1. Introductions
2. Minutes - Approved
3. Treasurer Report
 - Matt Bradford presented copies of the financial report through the end of March.
 - Working on advertising sponsors for our chamber book.
 - 63 paid members
4. President Report
 - After Hours - Thanks Home Federal for hosting on March 24th.
 - Working on ordering banners. Jill Moosbrugger will be taking photos of local landmarks for background usage. Waiting for nicer weather to do photos.
 - Community Book - content is updated, printing & layout estimate received. Contacting members to update advertisements. These are priced at \$100 to help cover the cost of production. If there are additional proceeds, they will be directed towards production cost of the new community banners.
5. Speaker: **Jessica Schwering & Melinda Fields - SEMCAC**
 - Volunteer Driver Program - runs in 6 counties in SEMN. Looking for volunteers.
 - VAC Van - free rides to vaccines
 - Not income based - no cost to the rider either covered by their health insurance or donation rider. Drivers use their own vehicles and are volunteers with reimbursed mileage at the IRS rate. Call into the dispatch center if you are a rider or volunteer.
 - Trying to get out into the community more!
 - Rolling Hills Transit - Public Transportation
 - Serve 5 counties: Dodge, Olmsted, Fillmore, Houston, Winona
 - No age or income guidelines to follow.
 - Transportation to Preschool, School/Summer Activities, Groceries, Appointments, etc.
 - Looking for substitute drivers and positions are paid and funded through MNDot. Class C license with a passenger endorsement.
 - www.rhtbus.com or www.semcac.org
 - Contact Information: Melinda Fields, melinda.fields@semcac.org | 507-634-4468
6. Shop Local Friday
 - June 3rd Event - planning committee working on this event, publicizing

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- Matt will be out and about visiting with those who do business on mainstreet to tell owners what we have going on.
 - Ribbon Cutting - May 6th
7. City Update
- None
8. School Update - Jami Schwickerath
- \$5,000 donation from McNeilus Steel
 - K-M Medical Experience Day (Grade 4) - Tuesday, May 10th kids will be able to immerse themselves in medical careers.
 - Scholarship night acknowledging those in the STEM field - May 11th
 - The Chamber sponsored Easter Extravaganza Event by K-M Community Education was held on May 7th. Over 250 children attended and 400 adults.
9. Other Announcements
- May 21st - Blaine Halvorson Memorial Scholarship (Bean Bag Tournament, 5K and Silent Auction)
 1. Stevie has raffle tickets for the quilt.
 - April 14th - Kasson Downtown Task Force is meeting at Buffet King at noon tomorrow to get feedback about how the March event went.
 - April 20th - Once a month Party at Prairie Meadows. Appetizers and Bingo (looking for Bingo callers and you can represent your business).
 - Still looking for lunch sponsors for May and June.
 2. KM Schools & Taher will sponsor lunch at the May meeting.
 3. Kathy volunteered to host/sponsor the June meeting evening time in the park.
 - Space available in the mini mall - new owners Stevie & AJ.
10. Adjournment



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