



Kasson Chamber of Commerce

March 2023 Member Meeting Minutes

Date: Aug. 9, 2023 | **Location:** City of Kasson - Council Chambers | **Lunch** 11:30 PM | **Meeting** 12:00 PM

Board Members

Present: Tom Monson (President), Jennifer Galloway (Vice President), Matt Bradford (Treasurer), Jenny Carrier (Secretary), Dan Ziebel, Sara Goodnow, Angie Bowman, Steview Erslund, Jared oscarson

Absent:

Thank you Hubbell House for sponsoring today's lunch!

- Speakers: Kasson Ambassadors Presentations
 - Kristy Hanson - Ambassador Program (34th Annual Kasson Festival in the Park)
 - Megan Giese
 - Byrnn Lawrence
 - Mckenzie Holz
 - Megan Bucher
 - Hanna Herfindahl-Quint

Introductions

- Welcome to our new Chamber Members!
 - Home Improvement Professionals
 - Zumbro Education District
 - Rise UP: Mind Body Strength
 - Three Oh One
 - Sakers Sports Bar & Grill
 - Zumbro Valley Golf Course
 - Petals2Metals
 - Preferred Heating & Cooling
- Minutes
 - Approved by all members
- Treasurer Report
 - Pay our annual insurance \$400.68
 - Mainstreet planters \$598.64
 - Currently at 73 members
 - Discussion about extending the discounted membership drive
 - Approved by all members
- OktoberFest – Planning Committee Starting
 - If you are interested in events, the planning committee is looking for volunteers. Contact Stevie if you are interested 507-421-5660 or contact Matt at the bank.
 - September 30th - 1-3pm for families and then head to the legion to sauerkraut eating contest, Beer Mile, Band, etc.
- President Report
 - After Hours – Thank you Kasson Legion and Tammy's Place for hosting June's After Hours! If you want to host one in August, please reach out to Jen or Angie. MBT Bank will host an After Hours on September 21.



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- Main Street Banners - Images have been collected and banner designs have been reviewed and are complete. Cost quotes are forthcoming.
 - Cost estimate \$4,575
 - Take a look [HERE](#)
- Board Workshop – some organizational updates will be coming. We will be creating more defined and consistent ways to be involved in the Chamber based on areas of interest that will allow membership to be more engaged in what and how the chamber does things.
- Submitted a letter of support for a grant application by the City of Kasson for Rural Entrepreneurship Venture program through SMIF.
- If you have ideas or suggestions for 2023 goals, events or priorities – let me know!
- 1st Annual Chamber Golf Tournament – August 25
 - 9 hole, 2 person best shot at ZVRC
- Member Drive (follow up to goal of hitting 100 members & increased social media followers)

Wrapping up today!

- City Update
 - Water tower project completed.
 - Hwy 57 is wrapping up - working on the median side sections along 16th and should be opening early next week. Big thing they have left is stripeing.
 - Groundbreaking for the fire hall project.
 - Council will take a look at their first budget proposal for the year.
- School Update
 - Mark shared he resigned his position as superintendent and is going to be the High School Principal in Jackson, MN. He is excited to be near his family and future retirement home. He will miss Kasson-Mantorville immensely and the community support has been great. The chamber has been a big part of that!
 - Upcoming Events:
 - First Home Game for [Boys Soccer](#) - Aug. 24
 - First Home Game for [Girls Soccer](#) - Aug. 31
 - First Home Game for [Football](#) - Sept. 1
 - First Home Game for [Volleyball](#) - Sept. 12
 - First Home Meet for [Cross Country](#) - Sept. 14th
 - Homecoming - September 29 (purchase your shirt [HERE](#))
 - Fall musical - Nov. 9-19th

Other Announcements

- Festival in the Park this weekend!
 - Some great vendors and activities.
 - Bingo fundraiser helps our scholarship fund and we need volunteers to help with this (Fri. 6-8/Sat. 1-4). Sign up with Dan at the Mini Mall.
 - Help sell cards,
 - Call games
 - Assist with the money
 - If you are in the parade, watch for email if the road doesn't open.
 - The Chamber Kickball Team is ready to go.



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- Ready Set Learn - 450-500 children in Dodge county, thank you for the support! The need is high.
- Contact Angie if you want to sponsor a lunch or speak.

Adjournment

Mission: To promote, strengthen, and support the Kasson business community.