

**Kasson Chamber of Commerce
December 2023 General Membership Meeting Minutes**

December 13, 2023
Trail Creek Coffee Roasters
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Thank you Home Federal Savings Bank & Trail Creek for sponsoring today's coffee and snacks!

1. Introductions - 26 members present
2. Minutes - sent electronically last month
 - a. Motion made by Greg Kuball, seconded by Stevie Gransee, and Approved by all to accept minutes
3. Treasurer Report – presented by Matt Bradford
 - a. The Chamber has transferred a Christmas Light fund of \$2,353.13 to the City of Kasson to apply towards purchase of replacement decorations for light poles.
 - b. Full details to be provided at the Annual Meeting in January.
 - c. Motion by Tim Ibisch, seconded by Stevie Gransee and approved to accept Treasurer's report.
4. Speakers:
 - a. Cheryl Frarck – Mantorville Theatre Company (MTC)
 1. She has been involved with the Mantorville Theatre Company since 1977 when she started teaching in KM Schools.
 2. She has acted in, directed, and written several melodramas and plays over the years.
 3. MTC is a nonprofit organization, run by a board of directors, that are volunteers, that meet once a month.
 4. Opera house is owned by Mantorville Restoration Society, but leased by MTC all year.
 5. Cheryl listed current productions, including Hunting Shack Christmas in its last weekend of performances, and the upcoming shows for the next year
 6. Many opportunities for local businesses to support MTC by sponsoring a show, a night, or purchase advertising through Melanie Dobson, the marketing director.
 7. They are hoping to update their sound system soon, as lights were recently updated and chairs updated.
 8. Let her know if you have any questions.
5. President Report
 - a. After Hours – Come out and join for the Business After Hours at Kasson Library tomorrow Thursday 12/14 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The drawing is at \$100.00.

- b. Annual Meeting to be held Friday, January 26th at the Studio's upstairs event room. There is an elevator available for those that will need it. Food to be provided by members of the Kasson Chamber. More details to be sent soon about the event.
 - c. Reminder, no regular Wednesday meeting in January due to the Annual meeting.
 - d. Main Street Banners – Kasson Laser is likely to have them done this spring.
 - e. Christmas in Kasson report. Trolleys were used, and likely to be coordinated with stops in/with Mantorville's event next year. Large numbers of participants, but the Chamber board and Christmas in Kasson Committee welcomes any feedback to help improve the event. Parade may be altered and looking at possible closing of Main Street during the event. Also looking at ideas for chamber bags for participants to collect their crafts/goodies in during the event. If you have ideas, please let the chamber board know so that you can be a part of the planning for next year.
 - f. Still accepting nominations for Business Person of the Year and Legacy awards. Please let Tom or Dan Ziebell know who you would like to nominate by December 31st. Awards are given at Annual Meeting.
 - g. If you have ideas or suggestions for 2024 goals, events (St. Paddy's day, Round and About Kasson, Oktoberfest or Christmas in Kasson) or priorities – let Tom know!
6. City Update
- a. New Kwik Trip opening December 21st.
7. School Update
- a. New Kwik Trip opening has raised questions of safety for student's crossing 57 at roundabout and the speed limits are still 50 mph before and after the roundabout. Asking state to lower speed limits to preserve safety of students walking/driving to Kwik Trip.
8. Other Announcements
- a. The Christmas Light Contest has eleven entries and were posted on Chamber Facebook. Maps and ballots to be emailed out. Voting received until Christmas day. Printed maps and ballots located outside Ziebell Law in Mini Mall Hallway. Votes can be dropped off at Ziebell Law with Tanya or e-mailed to Tanya at tyoung@kmtel.com.
 - b. Tanya Young described the Dodge County Salvation Army and the Green Shack having a Christmas light drive thru event this Friday and Saturday from 5-9 pm and Sunday from 5-7 p.m at Green Shack's location off County 34, near Dodge Center. Please come to see the Candy Cane Lane and other parts of the show. Donations to the Red Kettle campaign are being accepted at the light show.
 - c. Stevie Gransee reported that there were 150 participants at the Turkey trot 5k event held on Thanksgiving morning and over \$4000 raised for the local food shelf.
9. Adjournment

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