



Kasson Chamber of Commerce

January 2023 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan. 26, 2023 | **Location:** Hubbell House | **Social Hour/Dinner:** 5:30 PM | **Meeting:** 7:00 PM

Board Members

Present: Tom Monson (President), Jennifer Galloway (Vice President), Jenny Carrier (Secretary), Stevie Ersland, Angie Bowman, Dan Ziebel

Absent: Jill Moosbrugger, Sara Goodnow, Matt Bradford (Treasurer)

Thank you Hubbell House for hosting tonight's annual meeting!

1. Introductions
 - a. 24 members present
2. 2022 Annual Report - Click [HERE](#) to view
 - a. Member approved
3. 2022 Financial Report - Click [HERE](#) to view
 - a. Member approved (Motion to approved by John B., and seconded by Greg K.)
 - b. 2023 Budget - \$17,600
4. Board Elections
 - a. Voted unanimously, for another term:
 1. Jennifer Galloway
 2. Tom Monson
 - b. Open Board Position, we welcome:
 1. Jared Oscarson of Penalty Box
5. 2022 Business Person of the Year
 - a. **John Buckingham** – Buckingham Home Team of Keller Williams
 - b. Presenter: Tom Monson
 1. John Buckingham first moved to Kasson in 1973, shortly thereafter started work in building and remodeling homes. John continued his career in real estate, operating his own construction company, doing new home construction from 1979 to 2007. In 1989, John got his real estate license followed by his real estate broker license in 1994. John is now a broker and associate with Buckingham Home Team of Keller Williams. John's charity to local families and organizations throughout 2022 has included bell ringing for Salvation Army, donations to Ready Set Learn and local daycares, assisting recently evicted families, and even providing a family with Thanksgiving dinner. John is also one of those Kasson Chamber members that shows up – be it as a sponsor, attendee, or volunteer. John's storied real estate career, work helping people in our community, and longtime involvement with the Kasson Chamber of Commerce are all reasons I ask you to join me in congratulating John Buckingham as our 2022 Business Person of the Year.



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6. 2022 Legacy Award:
 - a. **Buffet King** (Greg Kuball accepted the award on their behalf)
 - b. Presenter: Tom Monson
 1. A longstanding Kasson Main Street presence – Ping and Mei Zheng of Buffet King have long been known for their kind hearted and gracious approach to Chinese cuisine. Learning customer’s names, personal greetings, and promoting other local businesses, not only makes patrons feel welcome but extends a sense of community in Kasson. Their decades of Kasson Chamber membership and involvement, hard work helping the new owners of Haku Asian transition well, and support of fellow Kasson area businesses, make Ping and Mae wonderful examples in creating a legacy. Ping and Mei were unable to join us tonight, as they’re busy house hunting out East, but have asked to have their award accepted by Greg Kuball on their behalf. Their impact on the people of Kasson, long history on Main Street, and wonderful job in passing the torch to Haku Asian are all reasons I ask everyone to join me in congratulating Ping and Mei Zheng of Buffet King as our 2022 Legacy Award winners along with a toast to a good transition into retiring to New York.
7. Thank You’s
 - a. Jill Moosbrugger - service on the board this last year. Best of luck on your new career endeavors!
8. Adjournment
 - a. Next Member Meeting - February 8th, 2023 (City Council Chambers)

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