



Kasson Chamber of Commerce

March 2023 Member Meeting Minutes

Date: Mar. 8, 2023 | **Location:** City of Kasson - Council Chambers | **Lunch** 11:30 PM | **Meeting** 12:00 PM

Board Members

Present: Jennifer Galloway (Vice President), Jenny Carrier (Secretary), Stevie Ersland, Angie Bowman, Dan Ziebel, Sara Goodnow, Jared Oscarson

Absent: Tom Monson (President), Matt Bradford (Treasurer)

Thank you Arment and Associates LLC of American Family Insurance for sponsoring today's lunch meeting!

1. Introductions
 - a. 27 members present
2. February Minutes
 - a. Member approved
3. Treasurer Report (Dan)
 - a. 50 paid memberships so far this year
 - b. Paid 2 scholarships
 - c. Member approved
 1. General Fund Balance - \$5,900.46
4. Presidents Report
 - a. Upcoming ribbon cuttings
 1. Tammy's Place - Friday @ 2:30PM (drinks and apps after)
 2. Chaotic good - Saturday @ 1:15PM
 - b. KMYSA - Jill
 1. Looking for donations - flier available
 - c. Shop Local Passports
 1. Quarterly drawing
 2. Put it up in your business to raise awareness
 3. Angie will drop them off to all participating businesses by Friday
 4. Check the chamber website to make sure we have you in the right spot
 5. No cost to participate
 - d. Banners from Kasson Laser Graphics
 1. Sample banners have been shared with the board
 2. Hoping to have them up and ready for Around-and-About in Kasson in June
 - e. Bag stuffing
 1. No stuffing bags today, we don't have enough things to stuff with
 2. We need more business items donated (approximately 100)
 - f. New Board Member
 1. Jared Oscarson - welcome
5. Speaker: **Doug Schommer** from Visiting Angels - DSchommer@VisitingAngels.com | 507-289-1147 Office | 507-269-5275 Cell | Community outreach person/marketing guy for southeast franchise | <https://www.visitingangels.com/rochester/home>
 - a. We run about 100 caregivers (approximately 2-3 for each person)
 1. 30 hours of training
 2. 80% of the patients are dementia or alzheimers



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- b. 14 office staff - Small office staff of about 7 people with 4 registered nurses
- c. Our motto is we keep you home wherever your home might be.
- d. We also go to hotels for visitors (contract with us)
- e. Short term and long term (a few hours per week or 24/7)
- f. We are not a medical facility but we run errands, laundry, light housekeeping, meal prep, appointments, dressing, bathing, transferring, blood pressure checks, sorting medication, etc.
- g. Once per month we do a seminar in the community
- h. Fees - \$17/hr (couple care a little bit more expensive) Long term care will help pay but otherwise it's self paid.
- i. Huge sponsor of the Alzheimers association - anyone interested in forming a team and joining the walk to help raise money contact Doug.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. St. Paddy's Day → Mar 11, 2023 2-4PM (downtown businesses - 32 participating)
 - 1. Library is doing a story time at 10:30AM
 - 2. End at the Legion
 - 3. Hoping for 300 kids in attendance
- b. Easter Extravaganza - Apr 6, 2023 5:45-7:00PM
- c. 5K Fun Run Walk Stroll - looking for sponsors
- d. Dodge county expo - Mar 24, 2023
- e. Return of the Robin - Hockey Tournament March 23, 24 and 25

ACTIVITIES 2023 Kasson's **ST. PATRICK'S DAY** SAT., MARCH 11TH 2-4 P.M.

Plaza 57
 Choctaw Good Brewing - Leprechaun traps
 Clean's Cups and Cones - Lucky Mint Slake for sale

Mini Mall
 Buckingham Team - Plinko game for kids
 Kasson License Bureau - Rainbow countdown paper chain
 You! Knead Therapy - Leprechaun Parade face painting
 Ziebell Law Office - Leprechaun Bait and meet a Leprechaun
 Home Federal Savings - Bingo drop off

The Studio
 KMTelcom - Photo Backdrop and necklaces
 Midwest Floor Solutions - Activity for kids
 Ready Set Learn's - Coloring Pages
 The Studio - Irish Hot Potato game

Around Town
 2nd Time Around - Drawing for gift certificates
 Big O Zero Mini Donuts @ Kasson Legion - Mini Donuts
 Colonial Clock Shop - Spin the wheel
 Dodge County Salvation Army Canteen - Hot Cocoa
 The Green Shack @ Kasson Legion - cotton candy/toppings
 Haki Kahan - Fortune cookies and mystery toy
 Hidden Pines - Specials
 Hy-Vee - free cookies and register to win a 48 pack of cookies
 Kasson Liquor Store - Irish Cheer Trays
 Kasson Variety - Kid coloring hat station
 Johnson's General Store - Kid gift

Sponsors
 Green's Cups and Cones - Donated giftboxes
 DeRead Overhead Doors - Donated green mustaches for kids
 Employee You Wellness - Donated prizes for costume contest
 Hardware Hank - Donated prizes for costume contest
 Home Federal Savings - Cash donations for the candy bags
 Kasson Chamber of Commerce - Family Aquatics Center
 Kasson Laser Graphics - Map for Event
 MBI Bank - For a good turn the first with color for St. Paddy's
 NextEra - Leprechaun hats & festive kid hats to color
 Penalty Box - Hockey Lucky duck prizes

Be on the look out for the Irish T-Rex

...around town continued
 Rise Above Baking Company - DIY cookie kits at Trail Creek
 Kasson American Legion - Bagnians at 4 p.m., Loaded Baked Potato soup, & Mulligan Stew
 Simply Tidy - Shamrock cookie decorating
 Six of Swords Tattoo - Self serve temporary tattoos
 Smiling Moose - Green sugar cookies & Shamrock-mint mocha drinks for sale
 Tammy's Place - Green beer, food specials, Rubber ducks & necklaces
 Team O'Malley Counselor Realty - Town trip giftaid
 giveaway and kids crafts
 Trail Creek Coffee Roasters - Lucky Charms Latte for sale

Visit St. Paddy locations to have card spaces marked

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Rainbow Countdown paper chain @ Kasson Legion - Raincoat - Raincoat - Raincoat	Mini Donuts - Big O Zero Mini Donuts @ Kasson Legion	Irish Cheer Trays @ Kasson Liquor Store	Kid Crafts & Specials @ Johnson's General Store	Leprechaun Traps @ Choctaw Good Brewing
Cookie decorating @ Simply Tidy	Kid coloring hat station @ Kasson Variety	Green Mustaches for Kids - Overhead Overhead Door @ Kasson Mini Mall	Free MBI Bank - All over the place	Green Beer, Rubber Ducks & Necklaces @ Termy's Place
Coloring Pages - Ready Set Learn @ Dodge County @ S.A. Corner - Truck on Main	Face Painting - You Knead Therapy @ Kasson Mini Mall	Green Shamrock - Plinko Game - Buckingham Team @ Kasson Mini Mall	Activity for Kids - Midwest Floor Solutions @ The Studio	
Realty's Leprechaun Ball - Jewel Jewels @ Kasson Mini Mall	Lucky Duck - Plinko - Penalty Box Hockey @ Kasson Mini Mall	Kid's Crafts & Specials @ Kasson Variety	Green Sugar Cookies & Shamrock mint mocha drinks for sale @ Smiling Moose	Irish Hot Potatoes @ The Studio
Photo backdrop & Necklaces @ The Studio	Hot Chocolate - Dodge County Salvation Army - Corned Beef on Main Street	Self-serve temporary tattoos @ Big O Zero	Free cookies and register to win a 48 office pack of cookies @ Hy-Vee	Fortune Cookies & Mystery Toy @ Beau's

St. Paddy's Day in Kasson 2023
 Name _____ Phone # _____
 After completing a Bingo, go to Kasson Mini Mall and turn in your card for bag of candy, find a 4 leaf clover in your bag and win \$25 cash, and be entered into prize drawing

7. City Update - Tim

- a. Council finalizing 2023 street projects tonight
- b. Water tower was raised last month, next step fill and painting, then demo of old tower
- c. On track for early May for the roundabout projects for the south half of 57 projects

8. School Update

- a. Just finished up the winter sports seasons



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- b. K-M Wrestling at state tournament
 - 1. Congrats to Cole Glazier - State champion (AA 170)
 - c. Monday night was spring sports sign up
 - d. Playground highlight - Community Education will be adding inclusive playground pieces to the current early childhood playground.
 - e. Ag Day dinner - March 9, 2023 - 4-6:30PM
9. Other Announcements
- a. After hours sponsors
 - 1. Jared will host our April 27th after hours
 - 2. Kasson American Legion - June
 - b. Lunches and speakers are set for the next few months
 - 1. Still looking for a June speaker
10. Adjournment
- a. Next Member Meeting - April 12th, 2023 (City Council Chambers)

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