

Kasson Chamber of Commerce

May 2022 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: May 11, 2022

Location: Kasson City Hall - New Council Chambers

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

Board Members

Present: Matt Bradford (Treasurer), Jennifer Galloway (Vice President), Jenny Carrier (Secretary), Dan Ziebel, Angie Bowman, Jill Moosbrugger

Absent: Tom Monson (President), Stevie Erslund, Sara Goodnow

Thank you Kasson-Mantorville School, Mark Matuska & Taher Food Service for sponsoring today's lunch!

1. Introductions
 - 26 members in attendance
2. Minutes - Approved
3. Treasurer Report - Approved
 - Matt Bradford presented copies of the financial report through the end of April.
 - 64 paid members
 - 25 City book advertiser paid
 - Not a lot paid out this year yet for expenses
 - Around and About Sponsorships that were paid out
4. President Report
 - A copy of Tom's Report was handed out.
 - After Hours - Hubbell House hosting Thursday, May 26th (3:30-6:30pm) joint with Mantorville Chamber - invitation forthcoming.
 - 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 - Last call for ads! Ads are due by the end of the week
 - Around & About Kasson Jun 3, 2022 event is upcoming - long term goal is to develop an event that can eventually be recurring with event activities around town coinciding with Shop Local Friday and incrementally improving/growing it over time. Please consider providing suggestions for improvement after the first one.
5. Speaker: **Patrick Gordon, Executive Director - ZED**
 - Public school district
 - been around for 30 years
 - ZED was created back in 1990 and is a public school
 - 3 schools on site and 84 employees - we are growing! (K-12 sped, Area learning center (at-risk), transition program 18-21 students)
 - Lots of services provided
 - New building in Kasson: not a referendum, rely on member district approvals (61,000 sq ft building). The new building will be a one stop shop.
 - Under Budget and on time → On track to open Fall of 2022
 - Contact Information: Patrick Gordon, pgordon@zumbroed.org

Setting IV Programming	Birth-3 Services	English Language Consortium
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Area Learning Center Programming	Student Enrichment Activities: Summer Academy, Science Fair, Academic-Triathlon	Extended School Year (summer school for sped)
18-21 Transition Programming	ZED Activity Day	Itinerant Services

6. Shop Local Friday

- June 3rd Event - Around & About Kasson
 - Main Street Event
 - This is a downtown main street event to support our business owners prior to the start of the Hwy 57 construction project and to enhance our monthly “Shop Local Friday” promotion.
 - Please join and help promote this event. Contact Matt Bradord with any questions:
 - Office: 507-634-1353
 - Cell: 507-273-6173
 - Email: matt.bradford@hfsb.com
- Still working on scheduling Ribbon Cuttings
 - Due North Coffee
 - Johnson’s General Store

7. City Update - Tim Ibisch

- Met with MNDot and Hazelton
 1. The schedule was emailed out and listed below
 2. May 23rd start date with tree removals
 3. Natural gas company has already been through
 4. Roundabouts now will be completed in 2023
- Pool looking to open on May 28th

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Update on the TH57 construction project.

Construction is starting in the coming weeks and lasting into next summer.

Below is the current construction phasing:

Summer 2022: TH 57 from 1st Street N to 7th Street N (Main Street and CSAH 34 will be open)

Fall 2022 (after the County fair): TH 57 from 7th Street N to 11th Street N (Main Street and CSAH 34 will be open)

Spring 2023: TH 57 from CSAH 34 to 1st Street N. (Main Street and CSAH 34 will be closed)

MnDOT will be managing the project from here on out. The MnDOT contacts are below. Justin will be the main point of contact.

Contacts

[Mike Dougherty](#)

MnDOT Director of Public Engagement, Communications

507-251-2749

[Justin Slattery](#)

MnDOT Construction Project Manager

507-951-8560

Below is the project website where you can get information and sign up for e-mail updates.

<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/hwy57-reconstruction/index.html>

We will be having an open house on May 19th to learn more about the upcoming construction. During the open house style event, people can stop any time between 4 to 6 p.m. to learn more about the construction timelines, ask questions to the project team and learn how to stay connected during the project.

Date: Thursday, May 19

Time: 4-6 p.m.

Location: Kasson City Hall (401 5th St. SE, Kasson, MN)

8. School Update - Mark Matuska
 - Scholarship night is tonight.
 - Parent Survey - nearly 650 parents respond to the survey
 - 11 days of school left
9. Other Announcements

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- June Chamber Meeting is in the evening hosted by Kasson Liquor in the Park
 1. Jackson Miller from Dodge County will be speaking about the new park coming in.
- August Chamber Meeting
 2. Ambassador candidate interviews - 9 candidates
- Chamber Book Ads
 3. \$100 and due by May 15th
 4. Jennifer will send
- Let Angie know if you are interested in sponsoring lunch or speaking at a chamber meeting.

10. Adjournment

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