

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

October 11, 2023  
Kasson City Hall  
12:00-1:00 PM (Lunch at 11:30 AM)

*Thank you SEMCAC and Hammer Q Food Truck for sponsoring/providing today's lunch!*

1. Introductions - 25 members present
2. Minutes - Approved by all members
  
0. Treasurer Report -
  - a. 82 paid memberships
  - a. 99 total - membership drive hoping to hit 100
  - a. \$1175 received for Oktoberfest sponsors, Chamber paid about \$470 of additional expenses, within our budget at \$500
  
0. Speakers:
  - a. Rick Indrelie from SBDC spoke about Business Succession Planning & Exit Strategies
    1. How to value your business
    2. What goes into a sale of a business
    3. SBDC provides services at no charge
    4. Also help business owners when starting and financing a business
    5. Described options and planning for taxes
    6. Copy of his powerpoint and contact information is available and may be sent to the chamber via email.
  - a. Carla Nelson, State Senator
    1. Redistricting has her representing Dodge County and parts of Olmsted County
    2. Discussed helping with Kasson Flood Mitigation funding and the 14-44 interchange to be done on west side of Rochester
    3. Described a little about the State legislature's handling of the surplus, paid family medical leave, and other topics in 2023
    4. That 2024 session will be fixing some of the items passed in 2023
  
0. Christmas in Kasson Planning Committee meeting Thursday October 12 at noon at Haku Asian
  1. NextEra paid the sponsor fee for the Reindeer \$2900, Thank you NextEra!
  2. Come to the meeting to help make this year's event a success!
  
0. President Report
  - a. After Hours – Last After Hours was Thursday 9/21 at Riverside Park in Mantorville hosted by MBT Bank. The drawing was won by Hubbell House, Next drawing to be \$50
  - a. Thanked everyone for helping with Oktoberfest and looking for more next year, with Llama, Wiener Dog Race, beer Mile and other events.
  - c. Main Street Banners – are ordered and should be produced soon.
  - c. Rural Entrepreneurship Venture grant – Kasson was selected! More to come from the Kasson EDA.
  - d. Seeking nominations for Business Person of the Year, Legacy Award, and board members, contact Tom or Dan Ziebell with nominations.

- e. Annual meeting will be moving on a regular rotation to chamber member sites that can accommodate the group. Looking at the third Thursday in January, but will be announced sometime in November.
  - c. If you have ideas or suggestions for 2024 goals, events or priorities – let me know!
- 0. City Update
  - a. Ian – completed parking study and presented it to planning at zoning last night. Will be presented to the City Council soon, and will be forwarded to the chamber members
  - a. Library will be celebrating 125 years of service to the community in 2024. Look for ways to help the program be celebrated and contact Michele McCaughtry for details.
- 0. School Update
  - a. Interim Superintendent Dave Thompson introduced himself
  - a. A new transportation director has been hired
  - b. Project day will be October 18<sup>th</sup>, so let school know about projects that the students can help with in the community.
  - c. Trick or Treat day at Community Ed to be held on Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3 p.m. please sign up to have a door
- 0. Other Announcements
  - a. Trick or treat at Green Shack on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m.
  - a. Dodge County Salvation Army Winter clothes/boots drive to be held Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at HyVee in Kasson. Please consider slightly used or new hats, gloves, coats and boots for all ages, kids and adults, to help those less fortunate to be able to purchase new items for winter.
- 0. Adjournment

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