

Kasson Alliance for Restoration

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Dear Friends, Members, and Supporters of KARE,

1. 1918 Kasson Public School and the Kasson Public Library and Community Center Building Committee (KPLCCBC) Update: The KPLCCBC continues to meet and discuss school site renovation options. The Building Committee Chairman, Earlene King recently outlined the standard process for presenting a renovation option to Kasson's citizens as follows:

a. The Library/Community Center Building Committee will make a recommendation to the Library Board for their approval.

b. If the Library Board approves the building committee's recommendation, the Library Board presents the recommendation to the City Council for its consideration/approval.

c. Kasson's taxpayers can then vote yes or no at the ballot box through a referendum to appropriate the funds.

These are broad steps. There are, of course, intermediate steps. The process should include a vehicle for engaging Kasson's citizens so that well before Step c. is reached a plan with a reasonable chance of surviving a referendum is on the table. Previous work by the 1918 School Citizen Task Force should be considered. The referendum language should also be reviewed and discussed widely within the community to avoid the typical very confusing language that is often times used on ballots. The prior 1918 School referendum vote in November 2006 was plagued by poor communication and very confusing ballot language. Hopefully lessons were learned.

Note that this project has both a Community Center and a Library component. KARE members will be meeting with Building Committee members sometime soon.

2. 1918 Kasson Public School Summer Projects: The Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE) will be organizing the following projects in the historic school grounds in 2011. These projects have been approved by the City of Kasson.

a. Planting Flower Gardens at the school: There are two parallel sidewalks that lead up to the front door of the school with a flag pole in between. KARE volunteers will be planting flowers in this area and at other places on the school property to beautify the grounds. Many enthusiastic volunteers will be watering the plants all summer long.

b. Flying the American Flag at the school: In 2010 the Kasson American Legion recognized KARE for its community outreach and advocacy activities by presenting a large American Flag to KARE. In 2011, the legion has offered to fly the flag in front of the school during selected American holidays. Watch for the flag flying proudly over our stately school!!

c. Respecting the 1918 School: KARE will also be doing other activities throughout the year in and around the school grounds to educate citizens on the importance of this historic landmark.

3. May is National Historic Preservation Month: During the month of May the citizens in Kasson will join thousands of individuals from around the country as part of a nationwide celebration of the 7th Annual National Preservation Month. This will be Kasson's 4th annual National Preservation Month event.

KARE's May 2011 event involves interviewing and recording American veterans to preserve their memories. The first set of interviews will occur at the American Legion on 17 May. KARE is dedicated to preserving all forms of Kasson's history. Watch for news related to these interviews in the Dodge County Independent Newspaper.

4. KARE on Facebook: KARE's Facebook site is up and running. From your Facebook page search on "Kasson Alliance" or go to this link.

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/Kasson-Alliance-for-REstoration-KARE/207619232585635>

Be sure to check out the pictures. KARE has lots of plans for this social media outlet.

5. KARE Information Booths: KARE will host information booths at the Dodge County Fair and at Mantorville's Marigold Days. More information to follow.

Thank You to everyone for your ongoing support. KARE's membership has swelled to 400 members and climbing.

KARE's mission is to preserve Kasson's history, historic buildings and historic structures to serve as landmarks to Kasson's heritage while being a source of education in the importance of historic preservation. The Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed in January 2007. KARE's membership includes both citizens and supporting businesses.

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KARE is a non-profit membership organization bringing people together to protect, enhance and enjoy the places in Kasson that matter to them. By saving the places where great moments from the cities' history – and the important moments of everyday life – took place, **KARE** helps revitalize the community, spark economic development and promote environmental sustainability. The **Kasson Alliance** provides leadership, education, advocacy and resources to citizens and organizations committed to saving historic places, connecting them to Kasson's history and collectively shaping the future of the communities' stories.

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