

## **KARE Email News, Vol. 2, No. 6, 27 March 2008: Kasson Historic Preservation News**

### **Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE) Supporters:**

We have nothing new to report on KARE's request to the Kasson City Council to pursue a partnership with the Minnesota Historic Society and Kasson's citizens to conduct a professional reuse study for the historic school. We will report to you as soon as anything changes.

### **Other News:**

**1. KARE Member Meeting, Sat. March 29, 2008, 11:00 AM:** The first KARE meeting of 2008 will occur on March 29, 2008 at Old City Hall, 122 West Main Street, Kasson, MN. Stop by and hear about the latest news on the School, Fund Raising, The Main Street Program and other Historic Preservation Plans that KARE is formulating. KARE members will also be visiting the Business Expo in Dodge Center on that same day.

**2. May is National Historic Preservation Month:** KARE is partnering with the Kasson Public Library (<http://www.kasson.lib.mn.us>) to distribute information about Kasson's history during the month of May. Thank you to library Director Bonnie Adams for agreeing to help with this. More details to follow on this in April.

**3. UPDATE!!! Historic Preservation Presentation, Lion's Club Meeting, August 25, 2008, 6:00 PM:** This meeting date has been **CHANGED**. This presentation has been moved from April 28 to **August 25, 2008, 6:00 pm**, at Digger's Ballroom, Kasson, MN (one week after the, if necessary, August 18 School Trial). More details on how to sign up will follow. Bonnie McDonald, Executive Director of the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (<http://www.mnpreservation.org>), will discuss Historic Preservation and the 1918 Kasson School. She will also discuss The National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main St. Program. This program is a community-driven, comprehensive methodology used to revitalize older, traditional business districts throughout the United States. It is currently being utilized in Afton, MN and elsewhere (see the attached file for information).

**4. Annual KARE Historic Preservation Celebration and Funding Raising Event:** The event planning committee met this week to discuss this event. A KARE volunteer with fund raising experience has stepped forward to help organize this event. A date has not been picked yet. We will have more information on this soon so you can plan to attend.

**5. Letter to the Editor:** Many of you have asked about a recent letter to the editor that appeared in the Dodge County Independent. A copy is attached to this

email. The letter mentions the confusion surrounding the election involving the school. The ballot confusion is the No. 1 inquiry KARE receives from citizens. Many of you have asked for the details surrounding this confusing issue. We are busy gathering facts on this and plan to issue an information paper.

**6. KARE's Website:** KARE will be redesigning its website over the coming months. Please forward any comments you have on KARE's website. Do you have computer skills? If you would like to help, you can respond to this email.

The school trial, if necessary, is scheduled for August 18, 19 and 20 starting at 9:00 AM on Monday August 18 (Dodge County Court House, Mantorville, MN). The trial will focus on whether or not the school is a historic resource protected by Minnesota Law.

Your email questions, input and suggestions are welcome. We appreciate your continued support.

**Thank you,**

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**The Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE) is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization formed in January 2007. KARE's mission is to preserve historic buildings, structures and properties to serve as landmarks of Kasson's' heritage, along with being a source of education in the importance of historic preservation.**

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