

Kasson Alliance Supporters,

The trial related to the historic 1918 Kasson School, which was scheduled for February 11, 12 and 13, 2008, has been **POSTPONED**. Thank you to all of you who contacted the Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE) to say you were going to attend. A new trial date has been set for **August 18, 19 and 20, 2008** in the Dodge County Court House in Mantorville, Minnesota.

In the Email News dated Feb. 1, 2008 we mentioned that the city council had recently indicated a willingness to talk to KARE about options for reusing the school. That resulted in the Cities' attorney providing KARE an outline of the general terms the city felt could result in a settlement of the case. However, over the past week the two sides were not able to agree to the proposed settlement outline/terms. It was determined that delaying the trial might provide the two sides time to work out a mutually acceptable agreement. In the meantime, the court-ordered temporary demolition injunction remains in place until the new trial date in August.

On Monday February 11, representatives from the city council, city staff, KARE member/volunteers and legal council from both sides will meet at 10:00 AM in the Kasson City Hall to begin the process of exploring settlement options (this is not open to the public). KARE volunteers will continue to simply ask the city council members to cooperate with them by forming a partnership to pursue adaptive reuse options for the historic school. It remains to be seen if the two sides can find common ground thus the fate of the historic school is far from settled. If necessary, KARE volunteers, consultants and legal staff are well prepared to go to trial. Please mark the new trial dates on your calendar as we will continue to need your support.

We will issue another update next week related to the Feb. 11 discussion. Your email questions 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.

Note: The media is welcome to use all of portions of this announcement.

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