

KARE Email News, Vol. 2, No. 2, 01 February 2008: Kasson School, Feb. 11 Trial Preparation

Kasson Alliance Supporters,

KARE member John Buckingham did not receive a response from the City of Kasson in regards to the partnership offer he presented to the council on Jan. 9. (See the E-News dated Jan. 9 or KARE's website under News for a copy of the letter).

In the meantime volunteer citizens continue to prepare for the February trial in consultation with KARE's attorney. As a reminder, the Frequently Asked Questions have been posted to KARE's website. The trial is open to the public. The details are:

Where, Dodge County Court House, Mantorville, MN

When: February 11, 12 and 13, 2008 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

Time: The trial starts at 8:30 AM (no jury, the judge presides)

During the June 2007 court hearing, the School supporter side of the court house was packed with local citizens. **Judges do notice how much support is present in the court house for one side or the other. Your presence makes a difference. The first day (Feb. 11) is the most important.** You are encouraged to attend the trial and hear the expert testimony on whether or not the school is an historic resource protected by Minnesota law. If so, the judge will issue a permanent demolition injunction. Mark your calendars now.

Your letters of support have made a difference. Some council members have indicated a willingness to talk but so far no fruitful discussions have taken place.

We will issue another update a few days before the trial. Please email questions.

Thank you,

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The Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE) is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization formed in January 2007 to raise awareness about the contribution the historic Kasson School and other Kasson properties have made to our community and to promote their preservation.

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