

KARE Email News, Vol. 1, No. 10, 05 October 2007: KARE Wins the 2007 Historic Preservation Advocacy Award

KARE Supporters,

The National Trust for Historic Places (see <http://www.nationaltrust.org/>) is holding its National Convention in St. Paul, MN this week. Three members of KARE received scholarships to attend the conference from the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota. It is a very exciting conference and KARE members are learning about the many and varied ways that Kasson's Historic 1918 Public School can be adapted for reuse.

On the first evening of the conference (Tues. Oct. 2), the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (PAM) announced its 2007 preservation award winners. The Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE) won the Preservation Advocacy Award with KARE's president, Diane O'Brien Berge accepting the award. Diane was cited for her efforts to restore the Old City Hall, provide leadership to KARE as well as other preservation efforts. For more details see the attached awards report or visit <http://www.mnpreservation.org/>

This is the second award that KARE has received from PAM in 2007 the first being the nomination of the school to PAM's 2007 10-Most Endangered Building list.

As stated in the last update, The State Review Board will consider the 1918 School's nomination to the National Register of Historic Places on October 16, 2007. If the State board approves the nomination, it will then be passed on to the National Park Service Review Board for final approval (so it will be few months before we have the final word). Minnesota-based nominations that are passed to the Federal level are rarely vetoed.

KARE members visited the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on September 18 to collect information on the reuse studies conducted for the Historic Schools at Red Wing and Morris, MN. Since then KARE has been continuing to discuss reuse options with a number of interested developers and other interested parties. We will share more information about this as the various ideas begin to jell.

KARE appreciates your continued support. Without your generous donations, the school would have been demolished on July 9, 2007. We continue to need your support as we move forward. Donations can be sent to the address below.

Questions and replies to this email will be cheerfully responded to. More information on KARE's activities will be sent to you soon.

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 has made to our community and to promote its preservation. KARE is also working to document, save and preserve other historic resources within Kasson.

Thank you,

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