

**KARE Email News, Vol. 1, No. 7, 06 August 2007:  
Festival In The Park KARE Booth and Other News**

KARE Supporters,

The Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE) has reserved a space in the North Veterans Memorial Park for the annual Kasson Festival in the Park celebration.

A KARE information booth will be set up in large tent in the park. Fred and Lorraine Spading have graciously donated the use of their large flea market tent. The KARE booth will be staffed by KARE supporters/volunteers on Saturday and Sunday August 11 and 12. KARE can use your help setting up the tent and staffing the booth/tent. If you are able to help simply reply to this email as to when you are available or call the KARE office at **507-365-8324**. This is a great way to show your support for KARE's mission while having some fun. Even one hour of your help would be greatly appreciated. You do not need to be an expert on anything to help. KARE board members will be on duty most of the time. Please come and show your support. KARE's tent/booth will contain information on our efforts to save the school as well as a tribute to the historic WPA fireplace that the city unwisely chose to demolish in June.

The handsome KARE "Save the School" tee-shirts will be for sale in the tent at \$10.00 a piece with all proceeds going to benefit historic preservation in Kasson. In addition, KARE "Save the School" lawn signs will be available for free (you have probably seen them around town) If you cannot make it to the festival but would like a tee-shirt or lawn sign simply reply to this email....or call the KARE phone number below..... or stop by the Copy Cat Center in Old City Hall.

Either can be mailed out plus shipping and handling. Aerial photographs/prints of the school will also be for sale at the booth.

The National Register Nomination for the Kasson Public/Elementary School has been submitted to the Minnesota Historical Societies' State Historic Preservation Office. We hope to have some interesting news to share on that soon.

KARE's efforts to save the school are ongoing. KARE board members met with Bonnie McDonald of the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (PAM) on July 24 to discuss the upcoming adaptive reuse study for the school. A follow-up meeting with the State Historic Preservation Office will be scheduled soon to discuss reuse studies that have already been completed for schools in Red Wing, Northfield, Stillwater and others. We are gathering information that will eventually lead to the drafting of a proposal/scoping document for soliciting reuse study bids from historic preservation consultants.

The KARE meeting on Tuesday July 24 was well attended. Thank you to everyone who stopped by.

The legal documents submitted to the court for the June 5 hearing by both the city and KARE are now available on KARE's website ([KassonAlliance@kmtel.com](mailto:KassonAlliance@kmtel.com)) to include the judge's court order. Look under "Projects", "1918 School", "Court Hearing". The judges court order and comments on the cities' submittal makes for particularly interesting reading.

Thank you to everyone for their contributions to KARE's efforts to promote historic preservation in Kasson. We look forward to seeing you at the festival in the park.

Thank you,

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