

KARE Supporters,

The Kasson Alliance for Restoration booth at the Dodge County Fair was well attended. Hundreds of citizens stopped by to say hello and to offer their support for saving the historic elementary School. Thank you to the volunteers who worked in the fair booth. Many people expressed their dismay over the city demolishing the historic WPA fireplace in the north park. A picture of the KARE booth is attached to this message.

The following are some KARE news bullets:

1. The next KARE meeting is this week.....Tuesday July 24 at 6:30 PM in the Old City Hall on main street (122 West Main Street). Everyone is welcome. Come and share your thoughts and hear details on the latest news.
2. KARE will also have a booth at the Kasson Festival in The North Veterans Memorial Park on August 11 and 12. Wouldn't it be ironic if our booth ended up in the picnic shelter that is replacing the historic fireplace? The new shelter is currently being constructed. Stop by the park and you will immediately notice that there is plenty of land/room to construct a shelter without destroying the cities' history. If you can donate some time in the booth on either day please contact the KARE office or respond to this email.
3. The National Register Nomination for the Kasson Public/Elementary School will be submitted to the Minnesota Historical Societies' State Historic Preservation Office by the end of July. Thank you to Dan Hoisington of Hoisington Preservation for drafting the nomination. The state National Register board meets in October to consider the nomination. We are very lucky to have someone of Dan's caliber on our team. Dan's affidavit to Judge Christenson prior to the June 5th court hearing was very well written.
4. Many of you have asked: what can the school building be used for? What would make sense both economically as well as fit into the future of Kasson and its citizens? These are not easy questions to answer so KARE is seeking professional advice to help with this. KARE members will be meeting with the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (PAM) staff this week to discuss how to proceed. Based on some earlier discussions with PAM, KARE will be asking historic preservation consultants to provide bids on conducting an adaptive reuse study on the school. A project management plan for that effort is attached to this email. Comments from all of you are welcome.
5. KARE "Save the School" tee-shirts are for sale for \$10.00 a piece with all proceeds going to benefit historic preservation in Kasson. You can see the tee-shirts in the attached picture of the fair booth. In addition, KARE "Save the School" lawn signs are popping up all over town (also shown in the attached picture). The lawn signs are FREE to KARE supporters. If you would like a tee-shirt or a 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. Get your tee-shirts and/or lawn signs now to show your support for the historic heritage of Kasson and the surrounding area!! Your generous donations are, of course, welcome.

Thank you,

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