

Arcola Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 19, 2011

The Arcola Alumni Association met at the home of Kris Graves at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2011. Members Robert Arrol, John Fishel, Kris Graves, Brad Pullen, Randy Rothrock, Judy Thomas and Sue Stout attended the meeting. The minutes of the February 10th meeting were emailed to all members prior to the meeting and accepted as presented. Treasurer Pullen's report showed a current balance of \$2,655.73.

Graves questioned if Fishel's letter to accompany dues solicitation was available. Fishel will edit his current letter and then send it on to Graves. A statement will also be added to indicate the fee for lifetime membership is \$500.00, as another website has stated the lifetime membership fee at a much lower amount. Graves will solicit dues via email and the Record-Herald. Webmaster Andy Walton will post the information online and Thomas will mail letters to members who do not have email.

Arrol reported he again met with Joe Fortney, Nancy Stiff and Steve Williams to discuss the new trophy cases in the school. He presented specifications for seven sections of oak display cases with glass shelving to be installed at the new south entrance. His committee is working with Kenneth Hostetler, who estimates the cases at the south entrance will cost \$5,500.00 - \$6,000.00. The new cases at the north entrance in the cafeteria are estimated at \$9,000.00. Arrol will spearhead the Arcola Alumni Association's fund drive to raise ~\$16,000.00 for this project. Donations for the display cases will be tax deductible if the Arcola Foundation is used as a "pass-through" account.

Graves will contact Life Touch concerning missing composite photographs of recent graduating classes.

Following an April 11th meeting with Rothrock and Graves, Stout presented suggested criteria guidelines for the Arcola Distinguished Alumni award, the selection committee and information requested on the nomination form. Much discussion was given to the guidelines by all committee members present. Stout will edit and present the revised information to the group at the next meeting. The committee agreed the award process will take considerable time and decided it will be too soon to make the awards in 2011. Possible dates for the first awards included Homecoming 2012.

The committee set their next tentative meeting for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 24th at Arrol's home.

Business conducted via email since the April 19th board meeting includes:

Arrol and Jack Fishel are challenging sixteen graduating classes to contribute \$1,000.00 each toward the trophy case project, and are anticipating there will be no donor list plaques. Arrol suggested any Record-Herald photographs/publicity concerning the poor condition of the current trophy cases should be postponed until after the end of the school year.

Arrol questioned if it is too late to collect 2011 dues at this time, as we intend to begin 2012 dues collection in November 2011.

Because there have been no bids on the auction for a section of the original lockers from the high school building, Rothrock suggested our association give the lockers to the City of Arcola Beautification Committee. The Beautification Committee has agreed to sell the lockers to raise funds for the Wall Dog painting project.

Stout questioned board members to determine if they wanted to purchase this year's \$200.00 Record Herald ad for the newspaper and sports programs, and again pay for advertising personally as we did last year. Arrol, Jack Fishel, Rothrock and Stout had no strong preference about the advertising. Graves, John Fishel and Thomas preferred to purchase the ads again with each board member paying \$25.00, rather than use dues money for the ads. Each member was asked to pay \$25.00 to Slack Publications for this year's ads.

Andy Walton continues to update the photographs for the graduating classes. He has also revised the membership/registration page on our website.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Stout