

Arcola Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 3, 2011

The Arcola Alumni Association met at the home of Dr. Robert Arrol at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3rd. Arrol conducted the meeting in President John Fishel's absence, with members Jack Fishel, Kris Graves, Brad Pullen, Judy Thomas and Sue Stout also in attendance. The minutes of the April 19th meeting were accepted as presented. Treasurer Pullen's report stated an account balance of \$3,066.10.

Members agreed a fixed meeting date and time could be beneficial. Stout asked board members to email the specific week and day of each of their monthly meeting commitments and she will determine a day when all can attend. Board members agreed to meet in odd numbered months beginning January 2012 and chose a 7:30 p.m. meeting time. The group also agreed to seek Vice-President Heather McCullough's replacement on the board. McCullough is no longer living in Arcola and her work schedule does not allow her to attend our meetings. It was decided her replacement should be a graduate representing the 1980s decade. Members were asked to make their suggestions for the new board member at the next meeting.

Arrol noted it is time to solicit dues for 2012. Graves reported she received only 32 responses to the 2011 dues solicitation. Graves will solicit dues in November and will enclose a letter from President John Fishel with her request. She will also contact the Record-Herald. Thomas will mail letters to members who do not receive the solicitation via email.

Arrol requested and received the board's permission to pay Kenneth Hostetler when the first set of trophy cases has been completed. Arrol will provide the written request required by the Arcola Foundation to release the funds collected for the trophy case project. The numerous trophies in the high school need to be sorted, inventoried, repaired, polished, etc. in the near future. Arrol will contact High School Principal Lisa Sigrist to ask if any students might be willing to sort and inventory the trophies and plaques. Community gatherings may be scheduled at later dates to repair/ polish trophies and plaques. Arrol reported only about one half of the funds needed for the entire trophy case project has been raised. Board members suggested names of AHS alumni and other community members who might be able to help finance the trophy case project, and agreed a personal letter to each might be beneficial. Arrol will contact the Arcola Foundation to determine if any of those suggested has already contributed. Stout noted the November 4, 2009 minutes state the fee for a lifetime membership in the Arcola Alumni Association is \$500.00. The group agreed to offer a lifetime membership to anyone who donates \$500.00 or more to the trophy case project.

Arrol also reported remnants of the crumbling towers from the top of the east entrance to the high school building are available to the alumni association for use as a fundraiser. Arrol will contact the school to make arrangements for board members to view the remnants and determine how these could be used.

Graves reported the missing composite photographs of recent graduating classes are now displayed in the school. Stout will email the revised criteria guidelines for the distinguished alumni award, the selection committee and the nomination form to all board members prior to the next meeting in preparation for 2012 Homecoming. Stout

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will also contact the Record-Herald to ask the newspaper's help in locating missing graduating class composite photographs needed for the Arcola Alumni Association website.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Stout, Recording Secretary