

# **Arcola Alumni Association**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**July 18, 2013**

The Arcola Alumni Association Board of Directors met at the home of Dr. Robert Arrol at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Robert Arrol, Jack Fishel, John Fishel, Kris Graves, Kendall Moore, Randy Rothrock, Judy Thomas and Sue Stout attended the meeting. President John Fishel opened the meeting and the minutes of our May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were accepted as presented. Treasurer Brad Pullen was unable to attend the meeting but reported \$3,990.00 as the current balance in our checking account.

It was reported the Arcola Foundation would not pursue the lengthy application process for state identification numbers that would allow the Arcola Alumni Association to avoid sales tax on the distinguished alumni plaques purchased from Trophy Time. The Arcola Foundation will continue to permit our group to use the foundation as a "pass-through" for tax-deductible donations to Arcola Alumni Association.

Webmaster Andy Walton continues his website recognition of military veterans who attended and/or graduated from Arcola High School. He provided a press announcement for the project to board members in early June and asked board approval to distribute the information to the Arcola Record-Herald and other local newspapers for publication. Board members asked for more time to continue their search for additional alumni veterans before publication. Arrol and Stout will continue their research of World War II veterans. Rothrock will research Vietnam vets and Graves will search county records of our veteran graduates. The group hopes to report their findings to Walton in time for a November Veteran's Day press release.

The board discussed possible fundraisers to replenish the ~\$1,700.00 deficit from our distinguished alumni banquet. Upon recommendation by Thomas, the group agreed to sell small American flags to line streets near the school at the time of the Veteran's Day recognition at our school. Moore will seek the city's permission to place the flags along the streets. Thomas will search best options for the flags and organize the event.

A pre-game tailgate is planned for the 1:00 p.m. Homecoming football game on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Graves will organize the event, which will include a tent, grill, hamburgers, hotdogs, etc. An informal gathering is also planned following the game. Graves is planning recognition of former AHS cheerleaders at the Homecoming game.

Arrol and Rothrock will ask about placement location for our distinguished alumni plaques at the upcoming school board meeting.

The board will meet next at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Arrol home.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Stout, Recording Secretary