

# Arcola Alumni Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

September 26, 2013

The Arcola Alumni Association Board of Directors met at the home of Dr. Robert Arrol at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Robert Arrol, Kris Graves, Kendall Moore, Randy Rothrock and Sue Stout attended the meeting. Vice-President Rothrock opened the meeting and the minutes of our July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted as presented. Arrol reported \$2,049.31 in our account with Arcola Foundation. Our current checking account balance at First-Mid Illinois Bank & Trust remains at \$3,990.00.

Graves is organizing the pre-game tailgate for the 1:00 p.m. Homecoming football game on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be grilled for the 11:30 event. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. Graves will promote the tailgate in the Arcola Record-Herald and also display the association's banner at the tailgate. A donation jar will be available to offset expenses. Recognition of AHS alumni cheerleaders will take place during the game. John Fishel is planning an alumni gathering following the game.

Judy Thomas was unable to attend the meeting to report her findings for our sale of small American flags to line the streets near the school at the time of the Veteran's Day recognition at our school. Moore received the city's permission to place the flags along the streets. The group asked Thomas to report her recommendations for sale of the flags to all members via email. The proceeds will be used to replenish the ~\$1,700.00 deficit from the distinguished alumni awards banquet.

Arrol and Stout continued their research of World War II veterans who graduated/attended Arcola High School and have reported their findings to webmaster Andy Walton. They will also use township records to locate the graves of military veterans buried at the Arcola Township Cemetery, and then hope to determine if these veterans were AHS students. Graves will research county records of our veteran graduates and Rothrock is researching Vietnam vets.

Stout will contact Chris Slack at the Arcola Record-Herald to request an article about our website and its recognition of military veterans who attended and/or graduated from Arcola High School. Board members hope to report their findings of alumni veterans to Walton soon so he may update the website in time for a November Veteran's Day press release.

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

Rothrock, Thomas and Stout agreed to serve on the planning committee for the 2014 distinguished alumni awards banquet. The board set a December 1, 2013 deadline for nominations for the 2014 awards. Stout will prepare the information for the Record-Herald announcement to solicit nominations. Rothrock and Stout will contact 2013 distinguished alumni selection committee members to ask if they will serve again in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Stout, Recording Secretary