

Arcola Alumni Association

Board of Directors Meeting

April 8, 2014

The Arcola Alumni Association Board of Directors met at the home of Dr. Robert Arrol at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8th. Robert Arrol, Kris Graves, Jack Fishel, John Fishel, Kendall Moore, Brad Pullen, Randy Rothrock, and Sue Stout attended the meeting. President John Fishel opened the meeting and the minutes of the September 26, 2013 meeting were accepted as presented. Arrol reported \$3,981.81 in our account with Arcola Foundation. Treasurer Pullen reported our current checking account balance is \$6,088.42 at First-Mid Illinois Bank & Trust. (He later reported our correct September 26, 2013 checking account balance was \$6,163.78.) The board agreed to continue our advertising in the newspaper and sports programs for the 2014-2015 school year. Pullen will pay the \$200.00 fee to Arcola Record-Herald.

Graves reported \$70.00 was donated at the October 5, 2013 Homecoming pre-game tailgate.

An adequate supply of American flags was donated to the school and it was not necessary for our group to sell flags in order to line the streets near the school for the 2013 Veteran's Day recognition.

Board members have continued their research of AHS military veterans and reported their findings to webmaster Andy Walton. The November 7, 2013 Arcola Record-Herald presented extensive information about our website and its recognition of military veterans who attended and/or graduated AHS, as well as our information about Arcola's seven Ghere brothers who served during World War II.

The 2013 distinguished alumni plaques are now displayed in the new school addition.

Stout reported the 2014 selection committee for the Arcola Distinguished Alumni award met on January 18th to select this year's honorees. Selection committee members are Randy Rothrock, Chairperson (Alumni Assn. Board, 60s), Pat Fortney (community, 40s), Jim Clark (community, 50s), Sue Stout (Alumni Assn. Board, 70s), Rick Klopffleisch (community, 80s), Emily Coombe (Arcola Comm. School Dist., 90s) and Brad Pullen (Alumni Assn. Board, 90s). Kaskaskia Country Club has been reserved for the October 11, 2014 distinguished alumni banquet. The AHS 50-year graduating class (1964) and the 25-year graduating class (1989) will be recognized during the banquet. Rothrock ('64) and Moore ('89) will each encourage their class members to attend. Stout will contact Chris Slack at the Arcola Record-Herald to select a date to announce this year's honorees in the Arcola Record-Herald. Honorees will be announced at the same time on our website.

Much discussion was given to the 1-to-1 iPad initiative, a community effort that strives to provide an iPad for each student in the Arcola school system. School board members Arrol and Rothrock explained how implementation of the program challenges each student, while allowing each to work at his/her own pace. They also noted the school infrastructure has already been upgraded to accommodate the increased technology. Rothrock and John Fishel will provide information to the Record-Herald and to webmaster Andy Walton in an effort to encourage alumni to provide financial support to the project.

John Fishel suggested an Arcola/Tuscola "Cola Dash" challenge as a fundraising running event to benefit both Arcola and Tuscola alumni associations.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Stout, Recording Secretary