

Arcola Alumni Association

Board of Directors Meeting

August 11, 2016

The Arcola Alumni Association Board of Directors met at the home of Dr. Robert Arrol at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 11th. Board members Robert Arrol, Jack Fishel, John Fishel, Kendall Moore, Judy Thomas and Sue Stout welcomed Larry Bushu to his first meeting. President John Fishel presided at the meeting. The minutes of the May 18, 2016 meeting were accepted as presented. Treasurer Brad Pullen provided his report showing a balance of \$4,972.50 at First Mid-Illinois Bank. Arrol reported a \$3,619.17 balance in our account with Arcola Foundation at Arcola First Bank on August 12, 2016.

The board continued its previous discussion of items needed in our school. Arrol reported the Philip "Turkey" Ray trust funds cannot be used for bleachers. He noted additional trophy cases are needed for band and chorus awards. Thomas suggested our group join with Arcola Sports Boosters to purchase bleachers. John Fishel will contact the boosters, Arrol will talk with our superintendent and Moore will check with the city about using city park bleachers.

Much discussion was given to the upcoming October 29th Distinguished Alumni banquet at Kaskaskia Country Club. The 2016 Distinguished Alumni honorees are Robert E. Smith, D.D.S., Thomas F. "Tim" Monahan, Charles Edward Harshbarger, Jr., Ph.D., Capt. Benjamin J. "Jim" Binford, David J. Ellison, Ph.D. and Nancy K. Van Cleave, Ph.D. Stout suggested we solicit banquet sponsors to offset banquet expenses. Members agreed to acknowledge all tax-deductible donations in the amount of \$100.00 or more (payable to Arcola Foundation) in the banquet program, banquet slide presentation and in the Arcola Record-Herald. Jack Fishel recommended each member solicit five banquet sponsors.

Members agreed the special recognition of the 50 and 25-year graduating classes will be discontinued as a result of poor attendance at past banquets. Thomas and Moore will work together on banquet reservations and Arrol will invite former distinguished alumni honorees to attend this year. Each honoree was assigned a representative who will encourage friends and family to attend the banquet.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Stout, Recording Secretary