

Arcola Alumni Association

Board of Directors Meeting

June 25, 2025

The Arcola Alumni Association Board of Directors met in the Arcola Elementary School library at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25th. President John Fishel conducted the meeting with members Judy Thomas, Jason Butler, Allison Phillips, Randy Rothrock and Sue Stout also present. The minutes of the August 28, 2024 meeting were accepted as presented.

A balance of \$1,430.15 was reported in our First Mid Bank & Trust checking account, with an additional \$18,174.40 in our account with Arcola Foundation.

Four Arcola High School graduates will be honored at the 2025 Distinguished Alumni Banquet at Kaskaskia Country Club on October 18th: Daniel Gene “Dan” Ghery (1962), William L. Moody (1967), Dr. Martin L. “Marty” Carson (1971) and Diane M. Olson (1981).

Members agreed to hold the banquet reservation price at \$30.00. Thomas, Rothrock, Phillips and Stout plan to serve on the menu selection committee.

Stout presented a recap of income and expenses for prior Distinguished Alumni Banquets. The net income for 2024 was just \$1,626.00 due to increased banquet expenses and reduced sponsor fees. Since the 2016 banquet, sponsors have been asked to pay \$100.00. Stout proposed a tiered level of giving for this year’s banquet sponsors at \$1,000.00, \$500.00, \$250.00 and \$100.00. Butler suggested Senior, Junior, Sophomore and Freshman as the tiered levels of sponsorship and all agreed.

The association has an opportunity to sponsor an alumni photo collage hallway project in the high school. Stout explained the project and the group expressed interest, but the suggestion was tabled until the cost is known.

The group discussed potential members to fill a vacancy on the Distinguished Alumni selection committee. Charter member Judy Thomas informed members this will be her final year on the board. All expressed their appreciation for her many years of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Stout, Recording Secretary