Arcola Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting January 19, 2012

The Arcola Alumni Association met at the home of Dr. Robert Arrol at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19th. Robert Arrol, John Fishel, Kris Graves, Brad Pullen and Sue Stout attended the meeting. Treasurer Pullen reported \$2,762.90 in the general fund. The directors recommended a replacement for Heather McCullough's position on the board. Graves will contact the potential board member to inquire if she is willing to serve. The members chose the following officers for the coming year:

President: John Fishel

Vice-President: Randy Rothrock

Treasurer: Brad Pullen Secretary: Sue Stout

Arrol reported a balance of \$8,286.95 in our trophy case fund with the Arcola Foundation. Upon completion of the cases, Kenneth Hostetler will receive final payment of \$6,143.00, leaving \$2,143.95 in the trophy case fund. Trophies and plaques are currently being inventoried at the school and it is anticipated there will be some expense for cleaning, maintenance and engraving of the trophies and plaques. When the trophy case project is completed, remaining trophy case funds at the Arcola Foundation may be redirected to another project. Arrol also noted the school will name a committee to organize, clean and repair the trophies and plaques.

Stout presented the revised criteria guidelines for the Arcola Distinguished Alumni award, the selection committee and information requested on the nomination form. Members approved the revised guidelines.

Board members questioned the need to solicit dues, as a result of struggles to collect the annual dues, and suggested it might be better to raise funds for projects as needed.

Members were unable to determine a use for the remnants of the crumbling concrete towers from the top of the east entrance to the high school building, which were made available to the association for use as a fundraiser. Arrol will notify the school the association has no use for the remnants.

Arrol reported the high school students who plan to create a wall honoring local veterans at the school do not need assistance from our group.

Rothrock, Thomas and Stout were appointed to organize Homecoming and the Arcola Distinguished Alumni event(s) for the year.

Fishel reported a tent is available for our use on Sunday, June 24th, at the time the Walldogs will be in Arcola to paint murals on downtown buildings. Possible fundraisers and social gatherings were discussed.

Fishel will send a letter to Chris Slack at the Record-Herald, thanking him for his promotion of the trophy case project and also thanking the community for their support.

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In an effort to meet when more board members are available to attend, an additional meeting was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on February 16th at the home of Dr. Robert Arrol. Plans for Homecoming and the Arcola Distinguished Alumni event(s) will be included in the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Stout, Recording Secretary