ARAB LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

OCTOBER 28, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Monty Davis. Members present were David Moore, Pam Donahue, Susan Guitterez, Donna Copeland, Library Director Tanya Alexander, and Friends President Nancy Bowers. Mrs. Guitterez was welcomed as a new board member. Susanna Williams was unable to renew her term. The July minutes were accepted. Mrs. Alexander reported that the new Chess Club meets on the first and third Monday from 5-7 p.m. Santa will be at preschool story time on December 3rd. A new club is the Silent Book Club. It meets on the 4th Monday at 5:30. A Silent Auction begins November 7- 14. Annual Friends of the Library Christmas Brunch will be Friday, December 5th at 9 a.m. Trustees and staff will be the hosts. The staff was amazed that 425 people attended the Fall Festival on October 25 from 3-5 p.m. The library received a second bonus check from APLS in the amount of $1,650 with no reporting requirements. Mrs. Alexander plans to use the money for storage cabinets. The library budget was approved as submitted to the city. The annual statistical report is due November 30th. The library is officially fine free as of October 1st. She handed out 2026 calendars to the members. All city departments are now required to have a monthly safety meeting. The first meeting was held on October 6th, and all staff members are now CPR certified. She is working on getting the Ralph Hammond Collection transferred to the Arab Historical Society Museum in the park. Two bookcases will be given to Parks and Rec for their inventory. Friends of the Library members received thank you cards from the staff on National Friends of the Library Week. A discussion was held about people who complain about library book's content. It was decided that the person should live in Arab and be an Arab Library card holder. The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bowers