

Odessa Retired Teachers/School Personnel Association  
Minutes of the Meeting on November 18, 2024  
Highland United Methodist Church

President Sandy Ramage called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. She welcomed attendees and gave the invocation. Kathy Chandler led the pledges and Mary Alice Ramos offered the ‘thought for the day’ – *Be Thankful* – in honor of Thanksgiving.

The program was presented by Brooks Landgraf, our representative in the Texas State House of Representatives. He provided an update on Proposition 9 and the effect of raises provided. He mentioned recent progress in Washington on the possible removal of the WEP and GPO – both in place regarding Social Security for four decades. He also discussed reform on school funding and addressed some questions regarding vouchers. His presentation was covered by both the Odessa American (reporter Ruth Campbell) and a representative from Channel 2 News.

On a motion made by Juanita Silva and seconded by Lupe Molina, the minutes from the October 21, 2024 meeting were approved as printed. The treasurer’s report was presented by treasurer Corky Barth and then filed for audit as printed. Rick Chandler followed up with a membership report – citing our current membership at 152.

In other business, the Christmas dinner meeting was announced for December 16. Corky Barth will be emailing the membership directory in the next couple of weeks. A canned soup project was discussed and Libby McCrone provided a report on our new website.

Also, Rick Chandler stressed the importance of reporting volunteer hours as the state organization cites that information when demonstrating impact of our membership even after retirement. The Spring Rally date was announced again for March 26, 2025. Elizabeth Barlow presented our health information for November, providing a handout entitled “It’s Fall Ya’ll, Don’t Fall” to caution members against a common mishap.

As we concluded, ‘slips’ used for a drawing for a possible “Payday” from the volunteer hour submissions and Kathy Chandler distributed door prizes as tickets were drawn. Elaine Davisson won the \$10 drawing for bringing a guest. The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jannine Seymour  
Secretary