

ODESSA RETIRED TEACHERS/SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 16, 2024  
HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

President Sandy Ramage called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m., gave the invocation, and then invited everyone to have their meal. After lunch, she addressed the volunteer hours and health 'slips' that had been placed on the tables for members to contribute their information and enter the health drawing. Karen Telck offered the Thought for the Day, a poem by Marjorie Holmes regarding the Colors of Christmas.

The musical program was directed by Melody Drinkard. After music and/or lyrics were distributed, the members all joined in singing Christmas carols that she led.

On a motion made by Betty Lively and seconded by Melody Drinkard, the minutes from the November 18, 2024 meeting were approved as printed. The treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Corky Barth and then filed for audit as printed. Sandy Ramage followed up with a membership report –citing our current membership at 153. She also announced the month's birthdays.

In other business, Sandy touched on the WPO & GPO repeal (the Social Security Fairness Act), confirming that it had passed in the House and is currently in process at the Senate. Members were reminded/encouraged to reach out to Senators Cruz and Cornyn. It was announced that the canned goods collected today for our project will go to Meals on Wheels for holiday assistance. January's intended project was announced as snacks to be collected for delivery to an ECISD teachers' lounge.

The drawing for those reporting volunteer hours was won by Melody Drinkard. Elizabeth Barlow provided our health information for December, a handout on Boost Your Brain Power: Tips to Maintain our Mental Health. Sandy Ramage won the health drawing. Betty Lively won the \$10 drawing for bringing a guest. Door prize drawings concluded our meeting, which was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jannine Seymour  
Secretary