

Odessa Retired Teachers/School Personnel Association  
Minutes of the Meeting on February 17, 2025  
Highland United Methodist Church

VP Lupe Molina welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:36 am. Mary Alice Ramos gave the invocation/blessing and Elizabeth Barlow gave the pledges to the flags.

The program was presented by Marci Leffler from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. She addressed the subject of Adult Protective Services and all of the available assistance they are able to provide when there might be a concern regarding the health and safety of an adult in the area.

Secretary Jannine Seymour read the minutes and they were approved as read on a motion made by Mary Alice Ramos and seconded by Juanita Silva. The treasurer's report was presented by treasurer Corky Barth and then filed for audit as printed.

Libby McCrone discussed the Texas Retired Teachers Foundation (TRTF), which is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to helping active & retired educators by providing financial assistance. Elizabeth Barlow presented the monthly information on health care, a page on Wet Macular Degeneration, a type of age-related macular degeneration. Listed in the information provided were symptoms, causes, risk factors, and prevention.

In other business, Lupe touched on the Windfall Elimination Provision & Government Pension Offset Repeal (the Social Security Fairness Act). For additional information, it was suggested to visit the TRS and/or TRTA websites and also to watch some of Tim Lee's videos. He is the Executive Director of the TRTA.

Treasurer Corky Barth made an announcement regarding the new post office box for Odessa RT/SP Association. All mail should now be directed to P.O. Box 14342, Odessa, TX 79768. Our wixsite page was mentioned and folks were asked to make note of the TRTA District 18 website – <https://www.trtadistrict18.org> – which allows easy connection to our web page.

Regarding our community projects, members/guests were reminded of plans to bring/collect snacks to be delivered in a gift basket to an ECISD teachers' lounge. Some possibility of aid to retirees was also mentioned.

The drawing for those reporting volunteer hours was won by Janis Dominguez. Juanella Mouser won the health drawing. Esther Sofge won the \$10 drawing for bringing a guest. Door prize drawings concluded our meeting, which was adjourned at 12:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jannine Seymour  
Secretary