

Odessa Retired Teachers/School Personnel Association
Minutes of the Meeting on October 20, 2025
Highland United Methodist Church

President Sandy Ramage welcomed everyone, announced our guest speaker and invited everyone to go through the buffet line so all could begin their meals. Our state representative, Brooks Landgraf, was introduced at noon and began his remarks to the assemblage. He fielded a great many questions, but focus was centered on the 17 constitutional amendments to be voted on in the November election. He also clarified some points on vouchers and standardized testing.

Sandy called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. and began to clear the agenda in interest of time. Sara Easley presented the thought for the day – a submission on mothers. Rick Chandler announced that our current membership stood at 120. October birthdays were highlighted and Hershey bars were distributed to those present.

Minutes from the September meeting were provided on the tables, and were approved as printed. The treasurer's report was presented by treasurer Corky Barth and then filed for audit as printed. Corky also reported on the *Treats for Teachers* project, stating that they'd now been delivered to Bonham, OC TECHS, OCA and New Tech.

The attendees were also updated on the District 18 Fall Conference which was held October 8 at the Region 18 Education Service Center. Odessa had the largest turnout and a number of lucky door prize winners.

The members were again reminded of the availability of a \$500 ORT/SPA Scholarship opportunity for any of members' relatives striving to major in education. A reminder was announced that November is TRTF (Texas Retired Teachers Foundation) month. Sandy announced that a donation would be made in Brooks Landgraf's name in honor of his addressing the group at today's meeting.

The drawing for volunteer hours' winner was Debbie Stewart. October's printed wellness information distributed was entitled *Prepare for a Healthy Fall and Winter*. The drawing for health was held, with Carla Laughlin winning. Jannine Seymour won the \$10 monthly prize for bringing a guest. Kathy Chandler assisted in distributing the door prizes as those drawings concluded our meeting, which was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jannine Seymour
Secretary