

ODESSA RETIRED TEACHERS/SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2025

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

President Sandy Ramage welcomed members, and then led the pledges to the United States and Texas flags. Betty Lively gave the Thought of the Day using the theme of "trust."

Betty Lively gave the presentation in the absence of Master Gardener Dale Barnes who was ill.

Sandy Ramage expressed her thankfulness for all the love and kindness she and her family received during Marc's illness and passing.

President Ramage gave the invocation, and lunch was served.

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting was on each table to be read by the members. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Ricky Chandler moved that the minutes be approved, and Mary Alice Ramos seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A copy of the Treasurer's Report was on each table for the members to read. Treasurer Corky Barth explained the numbers on the report. There were no additions or corrections to the report, and President Ramage stated that it would be filed for audit.

President Ramage stated that last year ended with 161 members, and we have now starting the members drive for next year. The names of the members who renew their membership early (by the end of June) will be entered into a drawing for \$100; the drawing will be held in July at the Summer Birthday Party.

The members who have a March birthday were recognized and given a candy bar.

President Sandy Ramage stated that the Congress passed the legislation which reversed the WPE and GPO legislation. TRTA had worked for 40 years on this project. Members who are eligible to have their lost income restored have started receiving letters about this increase.

President Ramage reminded members about our project to place gift baskets with individually wrapped snacks in the school lounges for the school staffs. We are to bring snacks for the baskets at each meeting until the end of May. This project is to acquaint school employees with our organization. There will be a note included to inform employees that the snacks are provided by the ODESSA RETIRED TEACHER/SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION. We invite them to join our organization when they retire.

The May Spring Luncheon has been set for May 8. Details about this meeting will be coming in the near future.

The Book Project is on track to give a book to each first grade student in Alamo and Dowling Elementary Schools. We have 117 books on hand and \$111 on hand for this project. Additional funds are to be collected. The books will be delivered to the schools in May.

We had one guest, Theresa York, brought by Michelle Little.

Drawings were held for volunteer hours and health care: Mary Alice Ramos and Martha Stoute won the drawings. Drawings were made for the door prizes contained in baskets decorated with a bee.

Sara Easley offered thanks to the officers for helping with getting the February meeting conducted in the absence of Sandy Ramage and Kathy and Ricky Chandler who became ill before the meeting.

It was announced that Margaret Green had suffered a fall and that Alice Greenwood had moved in with her daughter.

President Ramage again offered thanks to those who had brought snacks for the snack basket project.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Recorded by Libby McCrone
for Jannine Seymour, Secretary

Sandra Ramage, President

