**St. Bernard Retired Teachers’ Association Meeting**

**March 31, 2023**

**Docville Farm – Meraux, Louisiana**

The meeting was called to order by the president Paul Grethel at 12:00 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Carolyn Craft.

Milton Boackle led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elena Valenti mentioned that there will be some job offers in New Orleans in which members might be interested and that Paul Grethel will be getting an email and will be sending it to the members concerning these jobs.

The meeting was paused while members enjoyed the seafood lunch.

After the meeting resumed, Mickey Lux, recording secretary, asked if there were any comments about the minutes, which were distributed to the membership, and there were none. A motion was made by Milton Boackle and seconded by Kitty Warner to accept the minutes as they were written. It was put to a vote of the membership, and the motion was carried.

The treasurer’s report was read by Rosemary Gioia.

President Grethel announced that we have 172 members in our organization.

Milton Boackle was presented with the Retired Teacher of the Year award. A cake was served in his honor.

Paul Grethel announced that the officers distributed the school supplies that SBRTA members had been donating all year, to Gautier Elementary School. Gautier received $2,000.00 in school supplies and $300.00 in sports equipment from SBRTA.

He said that he has been working with Chalmette High School for the selection of the student who will be selected to receive the scholarship that we award every year.

Rodney Watson, Executive Director of LRTA, told the members we are organizing to lobby the upcoming legislature to change the current law so that we will get COLAs on a regular basis. He told us to email or call legislators to get the very important Senate Bill 18 passed.

Cindy Franatovich spoke concerning insurance. She reminded members about Catapult and fielded insurance questions from the members.

President Grethel told members to please fill out the green personal information sheets or update them because these sheets are instrumental in choosing the winner of the Retiree of the Year Award.

He also reminded members to keep bringing school supplies to our meetings, and that our next meeting will be either June 16 or 23 and may be at Rocky and Carlo’s.

The winning tickets for the door prizes were drawn, and the winning ticket for the 50/50 Raffle was drawn. It belonged to Jan Clark, who won $120.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Michaele A. “Mickey” Lux