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

**June 21, 2019**

**Joe’s Italian Ristorante’**

**Slidell, Louisiana**

The meeting was called to order by the president Paul Grethel at 11:55 a.m.

The invocation was given by Les Scharfenstein.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mickey Lux.

The business meeting paused while the luncheon took place.

After the luncheon, the meeting resumed.

Mickey Lux, recording secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. There was a motion made by Lovie Geraci that the minutes stand approved as read. The motion was seconded by Patsy Romano. It was voted on by the membership, and the minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer’s report was given by treasurer Rosemary Gioia. She said that the organization had $12,230.89 at the end of May. Cindy Kooke made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, and it was seconded by Jewel Tarifa. It was then voted on by the membership, and the report stood approved as read.

President Grethel said that right after this meeting, he and the treasurer, Rosemary Gioia, were going to Capital One Bank because when they went there after the March meeting to transfer the organization’s account to Capital One, they were told that the organization needed to approve an updated constitution. President Grethel said that all he did was number the pages. There were no actual changes. Copies of the constitution were on the tables at the meeting for members to read. A motion was made by Jo Ann Arceneaux to accept the constitution with the numbered pages. It was seconded by Milton Boackle. Having no discussion on that subject, President Grethel called for a vote that the constitution with the numbered pages be accepted, and the organization voted by show of hands in favor of the motion.

He also reported that Capital One wants us to have the officers sign a document giving consent to the adoption of the bylaws of the organization and to accept the fact that the president and treasurer be the sole individual signers of the checking account. Milton Boackle made a motion made that we accept the adoption of the bylaws and that the signers of the checks be the president and the treasurer. It was seconded by Les Scharfeinstein. Having no discussion, a call for a vote on the motion was made by President Grethel. The motion passed.

President Grethel said that someone suggested that we buy a little hand-held microphone and speaker for the organization. He said that we could probably purchase one for between $100.00 and $200.00. Milton Boackle made a motion that we purchase one. The motion was seconded by Denise Cooper. There was some discussion concerning the cost of the microphone and where we could go to purchase one. Rosemary Gioia suggested that we put a limit on the price. Milton Boackle amended the motion to include the fact that the price should be no more than $1,000.00. Denise Cooper seconded the motion.

President Grethel called for a vote on the motion for the organization to purchase a hand-held microphone and speaker that will cost no more than $1,000.00 to be used at meetings, and the motion passed.

Rodney Watson, LA Executive director of the LA Retired Teachers Association, spoke about three things: the legislative session, LA public school coalition, and Fall elections. He said that we defeated the bills that could harm us. He congratulated the membership for doing such a great job. A lengthy discussion followed, and several questions were asked by the members and fielded by Rodney Watson.

President Grethel introduced Glenn Clark who had spoken to us once before about AMBA which is an insurance that we can get through the Retired Teacher Organization. He spoke about the Kemper program, a short-term care plan. A lengthy discussion and many questions were asked.

Glenn Clark had the membership fill out little cards with our information and then three cards were pulled for gift cards to Starbucks, Shell, and Target. As an incentive for us to get more members to SBRTA, he said that the member who brings in the most new members to SBRTA, will be awarded a $50.00 gift card from AMBA.

The memorial service was held for the 19 members of SBRTA who passed away between July 2018 and July 2019.

Carolon Craft spoke about the LRTA Foundation and about how grateful the foundation is for our donations for the auctions.

President Grethel announced that our next meeting will be at Rocky and Carlo’s in Chalmette tentatively on Friday, September 20. He said that he would like to invite Cindy Franatovich because new insurance things are going into effect and there may be an increase in price. She will have her meeting on September 26, so our meeting may be changed to Friday, September 27. He will let us know.

Tickets for the door prizes were pulled.

The winning half and half raffle ticket was drawn, and the winner of the $98.00 was Les Scharfenstein.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michaele A. “Mickey” Lux, Recording Secretary