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

 **June 23, 2023**

 **Rocky and Carlo’s Restaurant – Chalmette, Louisiana**

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Grethel at 12:02 p.m.

The Invocation was said by Mickey Lux.

Brenda Boleware led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting paused while the members enjoyed the luncheon.

Recording Secretary Mickey Lux read the minutes of the last meeting.

The motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Barbara Barbe and seconded by George Schlorf. A vote was taken of the membership, and the president declared the minutes accepted as read.

Paul Grethel said that with regards to the job opportunities that member Elena Valenti mentioned at the March meeting, he never got any information from Elena Valenti so he contacted her the following week. Elena said that she gave his contact info to her daughter who will let him know more about it when she finds out.

The treasurer, Rosemary Gioia, read the Treasurer’s report. The organization had a balance of $15,452.50, minus a $500.00 check to Nunez for our scholarship for a student; however, the student has not yet registered at Nunez Community College, so the payment to Nunez is pending. Barbara Barbe moved that we accept the treasurer’s report as read, and it was seconded by Faith Moran. A vote was taken of the membership, and the president declared the treasurer’s report accepted as read.

Paul Grethel said that he invited all the current St. Bernard Parish Public School principals to this meeting, and he presented a special tee shirt to Dedra Bailey, principal of Smith Elementary, who attended.

At the next meeting, the school board members will be invited.

Paul reminded members to update their green sheets because that is what he primarily uses to select the SBRTA Retired Teacher of the Year.

This year our membership is currently at 195 members but said he hopes to beat last year’s record of 204 members.

The president reminded members to start bringing in school supplies or checks to purchase school supplies, that we distribute to needy schools in St. Bernard Parish.

Rodney Watson, LRTA State Director of Legislative Session spoke on the events of the session and the process the LRTA went through to obtain passage of the bill to give retiree’s COLAS on a more regular basis. He also talked about the upcoming election for governor. He gave us information about the candidates.

The Memorial Service was conducted.

The tickets for door prizes were drawn.

Our next luncheon will be held on September 22 at Docville Farm at 11:30. It will be the 50th anniversary of this organization.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle money was Janet Leggett. She won $120.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michaele A. “Mickey” Lux, Recording Secretary