St. Bernard Retired Teachers’ Association Meeting

April 1, 2022

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 Cindy Kooke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Faith Moran.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by recording secretary, Mickey Lux, and they were accepted as read.

The treasurer, Rosemary Gioia, read the treasurer’s report. It was accepted as read.

The membership then took a break for lunch, and Paul Grethel pulled some numbers of tickets for the door prizes.

Milton Boackle moved that we purchase a plaque dedicated to all the school employees in the St. Bernard Parish School System and given by the Retired Teachers of St. Bernard Parish Association. The motion was seconded by Cindy Kooke. The motion was voted on by the membership, and it carried.

Milton Boackle also moved that once a year, a committee of some of our members meet with teachers, perhaps at their faculty meetings, to introduce who we are and what SBRTA is all about. Carolyn Craft seconded the motion. Bev Lawrason said that schools have department planning meetings in place of faculty meetings. Rosemary Gioia said that we shouldn’t do it during their planning meeting. Milton Boackle withdrew that motion.

There was much more discussion on the topic of letting teachers know about SBRTA, among which was the idea to go to the Opening of School In-Services at the beginning of the school year and speak for about five minutes. We would have to get permission from Doris Voitier. The following members volunteered to be on the committee to go to the schools on the day of the in-service: Milton Boackle, Brenda Boleware, Carolyn Craft, Pat Pourciau, Faith Moran, Cindy Kooke, Mickey Lux, and Paul Grethel.

Dr. James Taylor was one of the guest speakers, and he announced that he is running for a third term because he feels there is more work to be done. He said he is going to work hard to get our COLA (Cost-of-Living Adjustment). He encouraged us to write letters to our representatives. He gave us a packet of information that included a sample letter to send to our legislators concerning our COLA. He told us to become politicly active and to take care of one another. He complemented us on how much we do.

Glenn Clark, our second guest speaker, spoke to us about life insurance and AMBA.

The retiree of the year was announced, and it was Faith Moran. She was presented with a plaque, and a delicious cake which she cut and passed out to the membership.

The last tickets of the door prizes were pulled, and the winning 50/50 raffle ticket was drawn. The winner of the $55.00 prize was Faith Moran.

Paul Grethel announced that our next meeting will be June 24 and will probably be on the Northshore. He reminded us to bring school supplies, which will be distributed to needy schools in St. Bernard Parish, perhaps in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

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Michaele A. “Mickey” Lux, Recording Secretary