**ST BERNARD RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016**

**PINEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, SLIDELL, LA.**

Prior to the meeting the members enjoyed appetizers, socializing and taking photos with Santa Claus.

The business meeting was called to order by President Paul Grethel at 12:13 p.m. The invocation was offered by Michaele Lux and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Madeline Edwards.

JoAnn Arceneaux moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was passed.

Hugh Craft, Treasurer, reported a balance of $11,994.21 which includes the money collected for this meeting.

Rodney Watson, LRTA Executive Director presented the latest updates from LRTA. He also reported that $30,000 has been donated to assist those LRTA members who suffered losses in the 2016 floods. Information can be obtained on LRTA’s website.

Paul requested help in updating his list of St. Bernard Retirees. He handed out a list of names that he had no information on and asked if we knew if any of these people were deceased. These names are still on the list from the state and he thinks some of these people are deceased.

Paul suggested that SBRTA start collecting school supplies each meeting to be distributed to the schools in the fall. These donations can be brought to each meeting. The types of supplies include pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, rulers, paint brushes, washable paint, construction paper, pipe cleaners, wide lined notebooks, glue, pocket folders and inexpensive calculators. (Side note: St. Bernard schools collected and sent much needed supplies to schools in the flooded areas this fall).

Hugh Craft announced that the date of the annual Spelling Bee is February 10 and volunteers are needed for the SBRTA team.

Sidney Bellard spoke about his recently published book, A Cajun in France: Journeys to Assimilation.

Paul announced that there is now a SBRTA website: [www.sbrta.org](http://www.sbrta.org). The site includes information about LBRTA, photos, minutes, forms, etc.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 31 at the Docville Farms. This will be a potluck meal. SBRTA will present an 8 foot American Flag to Docville. This donation was approved at a previous meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Submitted by

Carol Francis, Secretary