ST. BERNARD RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Rocky and Carlo Restaurant

June 29, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President Paul Grethel.

Faith Moran led the Pledge of Allegiance and Les Scharfenstein offered the invocation.

The minutes of the December meeting was read and approved as read. There was no formal meeting in March. Instead, SBRTA Day at the Races was held. The participation was very low. Carol Francis suggested that we discontinue the day at the races as the March meeting and do the races as an optional outing if desired.

Before giving the treasurer’s report, Hugh Craft updated us on the health of Carolon Craft. In his treasurer’s report he indicated that before today’s meeting there were 143 paid members, 54 of these are lifetime members. The lifetime dues collected thus far amounts to $3325.00. He also reminded us that our LRTA dues helped to get the COLA increase passed.

Rodney Watson, Executive Director of LRTA, gave out the report entitled 2016 Legislative Session Update. He then called attention to some of the bills that passed. Rodney also called to our attention the changes that have been made in LRTA’s website.

The recognition of the SBRTA Retiree of the Year has been postponed to the next meeting due to the absence of the honoree.

Before starting the Memorial Ceremony, Paul announced that it was decided to use the period of June to June instead of the calendar year to recognize our deceased educators. Today’s ceremony will include those who passed away in 2015 as well as those who passed away thus far in 2016.

The Memorial Ceremony was presented by Sandra Watson, Linda Crain, Cynthia Kooke and Sandra Garcia. Those who were remembered are: Herman Bonnett, Diane Crespo, Julia DiGiovanni, Jeanne Guercia, Nerli Grather, Millie Joiner, Shirley Kneale, JoAnn Najolia, Ronald Nicosia, James Stutts, and Elizabeth Zimmermann.

Paul announced that this year’s scholarship winner from Chalmette High School is Julia Mahler.

The September meeting is TBA.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Submitted by

Carol Francis, Recording Secretary