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

**50th Anniversary**

**Friday, September 22, 2023**

**Docville Farm – Meraux, Louisiana**

**The meeting and Luncheon of the 50th anniversary of the St. Bernard Retired Teachers’ Association was called to order by the president Paul Grethel at 12:05 p.m.**

**Paul Grethel offered the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**The invocation was offered by Paul Grethel.**

**President Grethel said that as of the night before, we had a membership of 201 members. and there are over 80 members at this meeting.**

**Paul Grethel reminded members that the LRTA Fall Conference will take place on October 16th and 17th at the Baton Rouge Crown Plaza. It doesn’t cost anything to go, and the dinner the night before will be $34.00.**

**Carolon Craft spoke about the LRTA Foundation, which helps retired teachers in need. Every year they have a silent auction, and we can donate items to it. She said they are also collecting eyeglasses, both reading glasses and prescription glasses. They also collect eyeglass cases. We can bring these things to Carolon at our meetings.**

**The business meeting paused while the luncheon took place. After the luncheon, the meeting resumed.**

**Paul Grethel introduced our guest speaker, Mutzie. Paul said that Mutzie was named New Orleans Entertainer of the year twice and was nominated and won Christian Comedian of the Year.**

**President Paul Grethel was presented a plaque honoring his extraordinary service as president of the St. Bernard Retired Teachers’ Association for 11 years. In the 50 years of SBRTA’s existence, there have been 15 different presidents, and for the last 11 years, the president has been Paul Grethel.**

**Mickey Lux read the minutes of the last meeting.**

**Rosemary Gioia gave the treasurer’s report. We have a balance of $14,899.**

**Cindy Franatovich spoke about Office of Group Benefits sale.**

**Ashley Battaglia spoke about AMBA.**

**Paul mentioned the fact that we need to bring in school supplies or a cash donation to purchase donations to our meetings. They will be presented to designated schools in St. Bernard Parish in January 2024.**

**Tickets for the door prizes were pulled.**

**Paul said that at our last meeting, principals of the St. Bernard schools were invited, and one of them attended. Members of the St. Bernard Parish School Board were invited to this meeting, but none of them attended.**

**President Paul Grethel said that Rodney Watson couldn’t be at this meeting because there are District Meetings being held all over the state, and he was attending one of them. Paul mentioned that Rodney is disappointed that so few of the candidates for governor responded to the surveys that we sent them.**

**The winning ticket for the 50/50 cash prize was pulled, and the winner of the $150.00 was Kathy Bankston.**

**The Christmas luncheon/dinner will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2023. It will probably be at Vera’s in Slidell.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Michaele A. Lux, Recording Secretary**