

**AUGUSTE “NONCO” PELAFIGUE FOUNDATION**

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**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

Home of Paul and Sis LaPorte  
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**January 4, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Charles Taylor, President; Allen LeBlanc, Past President; Jerry Richard, Founder; Mary Belleau, Secretary; Rod Roy, Treasurer; Suzanne Stelly, President Elect and Membership Chairperson; Directors: Sis LaPorte, Iris LeBlanc and Betty Roy.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by President Charles Taylor. Iris LeBlanc read the Opening Prayer. Sis LaPorte read the Mission Statement. It was unanimously approved that from now on the officers would all read the Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the beginning of each meeting.

**MINUTES:** Mary Belleau presented the Minutes of the previous meeting of October 10, 2017. Sis LaPorte moved for acceptance, seconded by Suzanne Stelly.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Rod Roy reported a balance of \$39,264.97 on 12-31-17. Rod Roy moved for the acceptance of the report, seconded by Sis Laporte.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Suzanne Stelly reported membership totals: Founding Members, 9, an increase of 2 since the last meeting; Charter Members 63, a total of 72. Betty Arnaud Roy presented the two Lists of Founding Members and Charter Members as found on the website. It was suggested that the notation “deceased” be added to the Charter Member List for those charter members who are now deceased. Betty agreed to do that.

**REVIEW OF TIMELINE:** Iris LeBlanc read additions to the timeline. It was moved by Mary Belleau and seconded by Allen LeBlanc that the Annual Meeting be placed on the Timeline each year on December 7 to occur after the Vigil Mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in an effort to increase participation from people attending Mass who would also attend the Nonco Annual Meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Board Development** – President Charles Taylor will serve for 2018-2020, replacing Outgoing President Allen LeBlanc who served from 2016-2018. Suzanne Huval Stelly was selected as President Elect and to serve from 2020-2022.
- b. **Beatification and Canonization Committee** – Sis Laporte volunteered to host luncheon with Diocese of Lafayette Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel, Father Gary Schexnayder, Episcopal Delegate of the Nonco Cause, Father Travis Abadie, Pastor of St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church of Arnaudville, Father Ken Domingue, Pastor, St. Catherine Catholic Church of Leonville, and the Nonco Board. The purpose of the luncheon is to learn of the Bishop's position on the Cause for Canonization of Nonco.
- c. **Evaluation of Annual Meeting** – The importance of the sign-in sheets at Nonco Events to include, in addition to the participants' name, their e-mail/snail mail addresses and phone numbers. One or two members should take that responsibility to make sure this information is gathered from each participant. During the meeting, the president may mention the importance of this information and ask that each participant give this information to those responsible. This is very important for marketing programs of the Nonco Foundation.
- d. **Marketing** –
  1. The Importance of contact information of those who attend events.
  2. A Press Release needs to be sent to Acadiana Catholic by February 28, to be included in the May issue to promote the June 10 Mass in Memory of Nonco. Last year, four Masses in Arnaudville, LA; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Beaucens, France; and Rome, Italy were celebrated in Memory of Nonco. Perhaps this year, our contacts in the Philippines as well as Fr. Kubicki at St. Francis Mission in South Dakota, will also celebrate a Mass in memory of Nonco.
  3. Jerry Richard reported that the Louisiana Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree passed a resolution to acknowledge the possible opening of the Cause for Canonization of Nonco.
  4. Charles Taylor will compose a letter to people/corporations requesting their contribution to the Nonco Foundation. He will share this letter with others who want to use it to send to their contacts.
- e. **Membership Development** – Discussion followed to find ways to increase membership and contributions. It was suggested that a family member send an e-mail and/or snail mail request to their family to become involved in promoting the Cause for Nonco. Last year, President Allen LeBlanc did that and made personal contacts to encourage members of the Pelafigue family to become involved with the Nonco Cause and their participation was obvious at recent Nonco events. It was agreed that we do not call requesting that members pay their annual dues but that we continue to include in the annual report, a request for payment of annual dues and add the suggestion of memorial donations as well.
- f. **Research** – The Book *100 Years of the Upper Teche* by Roger Boudier has been reprinted and it was suggested that it be reviewed to find any mention of Nonco and to include that in "The Nonco Story." Dr. Florent Hardy will be asked to do that.

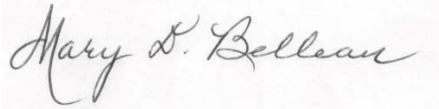
- g. **Programs** — 1. The Apostleship of Prayer/Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network Nonco Group, the First Friday Communion Services continue monthly. 2. The Nonco Foundation visits to the J.M. Morrow Memorial Nursing Home continue weekly. 3. The French Mass for Nonco Anniversary is scheduled for June 10, 2018. Again, this year, we will have Masses celebrated in different parts of the world in memory of Nonco. 4. Fr. William Blazek, SJ, the newly appointed National Director of the Apostleship of Prayer of The Pope's Worldwide Network in Milwaukee, Wisconsin will be in Metairie in March and the board will be informed if he can schedule a meeting with us in Arnaudville during his visit to Louisiana.
- h. **Memorial Prayer Garden Committee** – (Jerry Richard, Charles Taylor, Willie Wyble, Rod Roy, Betty Roy, Glenda Stelly) Jerry Richard reported that he is working on the site preparation including electricity, water, and drainage using a ditch witch and he will determine the estimated cost for the materials and labor. On Sunday afternoon, March 4, Jerry is planning a meeting at the Arnaudville K C Hall to explain his vision of the actual garden and to seek help from those attending to make his vision of the Nonco Memorial Garden become a reality. After the meeting, Jerry will send a letter with the Memorial Garden Proposal to Fr. Travis Abadie and will attach the signed agreement received from Fr. Keenan Brown, the previous pastor of St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church.
- i. **Literature Development Committee** – Everyone was asked to let Betty know the number of prayer cards each had so that additional prayer cards would be printed by Allen LeBlanc if needed. Betty requested that when additional cards were printed that they be sized to fit in a business-size envelope.
- j. **Website Committee** – Betty Roy reported that since the last the meeting, she added to the website, the Minutes from October, 2017 meeting, the Sacred Heart of Jesus "Page" including the life story of St. Margaret Mary Alcoque and The Twelve Promises of Jesus to her for those devoted to His Sacred Heart, the Sister Rita Hardy Booklet (under "More" > "Sr. Alfred") which was created at her death by Dr. Florent Hardy.

**New Business:**

- a. **Nonco House** – The house is owned by Kirk and Gary Hebert. The spokesperson for the two is Kirk Hebert. Kirk has given the OK to Allen LeBlanc to restore the Nonco House on the outside (not the inside) where it now stands. A fence will be placed around it; Kirk will upkeep the property within the fence; no one is to enter the property. Allen got a bid of \$8,888.18 from Mervin Savoie to restore the Nonco House. Sis Laporte moved and Iris LeBlanc seconded that Mervin Savoie be hired to restore the Nonco House using money from the Foundation's Treasury and seek donations later to replace the funds. The donor(s) will be recognized on the website. Rod Roy proposed that we clarify the road access to the property before the restoration is begun. The Board is not clear as to whether Sam Hardy Lane is a public or private road. President Charles Taylor and Rod Roy are researching this issue.
- b. **Note to Descendants:** Annie Hardy Calais has agreed to send a note to the descendants of Adelaide Pelafigue Hardy, Nonco's sister, to request that they participate in the Nonco Cause.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Following the reading of the Closing Prayer by Suzanne Stelly, Mary Belleau moved for adjournment, seconded by Betty Roy. The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m. The next quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2018, 6:00 p.m. hosted by President Charles Taylor at his home. The remaining 2018 meetings are: Thursday, July 5, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Rod and Betty Roy; Thursday, October 4, 6:00 p.m. at the Jim Huval House; and the Annual Meeting on Friday, December 7, 6:00 p.m. will be at the Little Flower Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary D. Belleau". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Mary D. Belleau, Secretary