

AUGUSTE "NONCO" PELAFIGUE FOUNDATION
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Minutes of the Prayer Garden Meeting

Tuesday, October 23, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Father Keenan Brown, Jerry Richard, Sis LaPorte, Suzanne Stelly, Betty Roy

Absent: Charles Hardy, Charles Taylor, Jean Taylor, Karen Olivier

Location: St. John Francis Regis Parish Office

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order promptly at 3:00 by President Jerry Richard who then called upon Father Brown for the opening prayer.

PURPOSE: The meeting was called by President Jerry Richard to discuss the possibility of building a Memorial Prayer Garden on the St. John Francis Regis Parish grounds. The prayer garden would include shaded areas and walkways that would lead to statues and seating for prayerful meditation.

Charles Hardy had submitted photographs of a Prayer Garden he had seen in Houma at St. Bernadette Church. A slide presentation showed the general idea for the Nonco Memorial Prayer Garden.

Father stated that he had long envisioned such a garden in the area between the church and Melancon Funeral Home. There are already three oak trees which provide ample shade and the Sacred Heart Statue in memory of Alice Mistrot Hardy which was donated by Foundation Director Charles Hardy. Father believes that with landscaping, the garden would be realized in a short period of time.

The Board is very excited about the prospect of designing a garden in the area proposed by Father and then, in time, possibly extending to the area behind church and along Bayou Teche.

Father asked for time to consult with others who have had similar experiences and

will inform the board with a decision addressing our request for the use of property to create a memorial prayer garden.

Following a closing prayer by Father Brown, the meeting was adjourned and was followed by a walk-through of the proposed location.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth Arnaud Roy
Secretary/Treasurer