

AUGUSTE "NONCO" PELAFIGUE FOUNDATION

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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Home of Jim Huval hosted by Suzanne Huval Stelly

Arnaudville LA

Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER was read by the Board Members.

MISSION STATEMENT was read by Suzanne Stelly.

1. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry Charles Taylor, President; Allen LeBlanc, Past President; Jerry Richard, Founder/Incorporator; Mary Belleau, Secretary; Rod Roy, Treasurer; Betty Roy, Website & Facebook Manager; Suzanne Stelly, Membership Chairperson; Sis LaPorte, Director; Iris LeBlanc, Director.

BOARD MEMBER AVAILABLE BY PHONE: Charles Hardy, Past President

2. MINUTES: Mary Belleau moved that the Minutes of the April 8, 2018 meeting be accepted, Iris LeBlanc seconded.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT: Charles Taylor moved for acceptance of the financial report with a balance of \$44,587.77, seconded by Sis LaPorte.

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Suzanne Stelly moved for acceptance of the following membership totals: Ten Founding Members, 66 Charter Members for a total of 76; the new Founding Members are Glynn & Nancy Hollier Granger, the two new Charter Members are John & Julie Arnaud Hardy and Randy and Annette Angelle. The Membership Report was Sis LaPorte.

5. REVIEW OF TIMELINE: Iris LeBlanc read additions to the timeline indicating that we are up-to-date as of July 10, 2018. Request was made of Betty Roy to add on **June 30, 2019, the date of the next Mass in Memory of Nonco**. Board Members were asked to take note of that date for next year.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. MEMORIAL MASS EVALUATION/PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR'S MASS:

1. Comments about the Mass was that it was "Fantastic" and "Well attended."

2. Thank you notes were e-mailed by Betty Roy to those attending who provided e-mails. Mary Belleau asked that next time e-mails of thanks are sent after an event, that the e-mail include a request for donations using either Pay Pal or mailing a check to the Nonco Foundation.

3. Mary Belleau suggested that a French Flag be purchased to be carried alongside the USA Flag in procession into the church for the future French Masses. Charles Taylor will ask Willie Wyble for the dimensions of the USA Flag in the St. John Francis Regis Church so that the French Flag purchased will be the same size.

4. Suzanne Stelly will reserve the Little Flower Auditorium for Setup on Saturday, June 29, 2019 and Reception following Mass on June 30, 2019.

5. Allen LeBlanc will request that Fr. Travis Abadie, the Pastor of St. John Francis Regis Church, invite Bishop Douglas Deshotel to again be the main celebrant of the Mass in memory of Nonco.

6. Mary Belleau has asked Blue Rolfes, Communications Director of the Diocese of Lafayette, to begin planning to have next year's Mass televised.

B. CORRESPONDENCE/MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

Mary Belleau shared the brief e-mail Annie Hardy Calais (the last living child of Human & Adelaide Pelafigue Hardy) sent on behalf of their parents to the children and some grandchildren of her brothers and sisters requesting that they attend the Nonco Memorial Mass and donate to the Nonco Foundation.

C. MEMBERSHIP:

From the above e-mail sent by Annie Calais, Randy & Annette Angelle and John & Julie Arnaud Hardy became Charter Members.

D. BOARD DEVELOPMENT:

Members of the Board will continue to pursue Luiz and Maria Figueriedo as well as Pee Wee and Judy Frederick.

E. SCHOLARSHIP:

Mary Belleau will work with the new person at Sacred Heart School at Grand Coteau to involve the students in the Nonco Cause, perhaps distributing the monthly leaflets, spreading the Pope's intentions, or having a monthly program using the format used by Betty Roy at the Michael Morrow Nursing Home.

F. HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. A minimum of eight interviews on Nonco's holy virtues are needed upon opening the cause of canonization. Nine have been completed; the last two have been completed since our last meeting; they are: Mrs. Leola Mallet and Willie Wyble. The other seven are: Charles Hardy, Msgr. Bob Angelle, Annie Hardy Calais, Mary Agnes Hardy delaHoussaye Belleau, Allen LeBlanc, Debra Guidry Fontenot, and Patricia Hardy Fugler.

2. Three books entitled *100 Years of the Upper Teche* published for Arnaudville's Centennial in 1953, have been placed in the Safety Deposit Box with the other documents needed upon the opening of the cause of canonization of Nonco. Other books to be included with the documents in the Safety Deposit Box are *Father Bernard's Picture Book* compiled by Seola Arnaud in 1999 (Jerry Richard will donate that book which he has) and the *St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church Directory* (1999) dedicated to Nonco which Betty Roy has.

3. University of Louisiana Lafayette ULL Archives has pictures used by Seola Arnaud to compile *Father Bernard's Picture Book*. It was moved by Sis LaPorte and seconded by Iris LeBlanc that Dr. Florent "Pon" Hardy and Betty Roy work with the ULL Archives to select pictures related to the Nonco Cause to be placed in the Safety Deposit Box with the other Nonco Documents.

4. Mary Belleau proposal was accepted that **two posters** be made of the priests of Arnaudville and of the nuns of Arnaudville with the bottom line to read: "Religious who

witnessed Nonco's holiness." They would be displayed next to the other two posters about Nonco's life and about Nonco holiness, as a "REAL CHRISTIAN."

G. MARKETING:

1. Two of "The Nonco Story" DVDs will be sent to Betty Roy to replace those sold on the Nonco Website "Store." Those will be used with the others to be sent to the USA Region V Bishops after Bishop Deshotel sends them the letter of his intentions to open the cause for Nonco. It was mentioned that a revision of "The Nonco Story" will be done after the opening of the Cause of Canonization of Nonco.

2. Mary Belleau moved and Sis LaPorte seconded the idea of selling pictures of the Sacred Heart framed with the following words on the bottom of the picture: "I will bless the homes where an image of MY Heart shall be exposed and honored." The smaller ones could be sold for \$10, the 5x7 for \$20, and the 8x10 for \$30.

H. PROGRAM:

Annual Meeting Guest Speaker: Allen and Iris LeBlanc will ask Father Michael Champagne to be the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting at 6:00 PM, December 7, 2018. If Father Champagne cannot, they will ask Fr. Travis Abadie.

I. PRAYER GARDEN

Following these minutes, see the attached presentation to the Board of the e-mails to Jerry Richard from Alcibiades P. Tsolakis, Dean of the LSU College of Art and Design and Jerry Richard's response to the Dean.

J. LITERATURE DEVELOPMENT:

Make note on the "To Do" List for the Mass in Memory of Nonco, add to the Mass Program, "The 12 Promises to St. Margaret Mary Alcoque" made by the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

K. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

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L. WEBSITE;

Pictures of the Nonco Memorial Mass taken by Bryan Taylor and Janenne deClouet:

<https://www.nonco.org/memorial-french-mass>

Pictures taken by Blue Rolfes, CCommunications Director, Diocese of Lafayette.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/DioceseofLafayette/photos/?ref=page_internal

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M. AD HOC COMMITTEE:

Betty Roy reported that Mike Lofton informed her that there is no need for an audit until the Foundation's annual income is \$50,000.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Nonco's House – Again, there was lengthy discussion of the options to repair the Nonco House: Mike Kidder believes that the house could be leveled structurally; Charles Hardy and Pon Hardy would like to know how much wood is needed as they have learned that their friend, Pee Wee Guidry probably has sufficient wood to be used to repair the house; it was mentioned that Jesse Taylor has two buildings which could be demolished

and the boards used to rebuild the house and porch; the road in front of the Nonco House is privately owned by the Sanders Co. Allen LeBlanc is the Board Member who is the closest relative to Kirk Hebert, the owner of the Nonco house. Allen feels that the porch should be taken apart and they should clean up around the house and make it accessible for repair by someone who has all the equipment and the know how to do the repair. It was decided that Jerry Richard and Charles Taylor, who also volunteered the help of his son Bryan Taylor, will help Allen with the clean up.

B. Jerry Richard, Founder and Past President of the Nonco Foundation, moved and it was seconded by Sis LaPorte, that the Resolution composed by Betty Roy, endorsing Nonco's Canonization be presented by him for adoption by the Louisiana Knights of Columbus in the Spring of 2019.

C. Letter to solicit donations for the Nonco Foundation via check or Pay Pal will be sent after Bishop Deshotel's letter to USA Region V Bishops informing them of the opening of the Cause for Nonco.

D. Radio Maria Interview of Betty Roy, Charles Taylor and Mary Belleau the week before the Nonco Memorial Mass which was on Sunday, June 10, 2018, will be posted on the Nonco Website as soon as available.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Arnaudville Chamber of Commerce's First Annual Thanksgiving Festival: Suzanne Stelly has agreed to man the Nonco Booth at the "The Volunteer Fair" for non-profit organizations which will be held in front of the Little Flower Auditorium on the afternoon of Saturday, November 24, 2018. It is an opportunity to explain the mission of the Auguste "Nonco" Pelafigue Foundation to those attending and to hopefully get volunteers for the Nonco Foundation.

B. Fundraising: Allen LeBlanc suggested canoe racing on Bayou Tech; but it was tabled since the Foundation does not have insurance.

9. Comments from Directors:

Rod Roy commented on the fact that the Board accomplished a lot during the meeting tonight.

10. Reading of the Vision Statement:

The Vision Statement was read by Iris LeBlanc.

Sis LaPorte moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Jerry Richard. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at the Jim Huval Home.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary delaHoussaye Belleau, Secretary
August "Nonco" Pelafigue Foundation

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