

AUGUSTE “NONCO” PELAFIGUE FOUNDATION

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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting January 10, 2019, 5:00 PM Sis & Paul LaPorte Home

1. The Opening Prayer was read by Sis LaPorte.
2. The Mission Statement was read by Suzanne Stelly.
3. Board Members present were Charles Taylor, President, Allen LeBlanc, Past President, Mary Belleau, Secretary, Suzanne Stelly, Membership Chairperson and President-Elect, Sis LaPorte, Director, and Iris LeBlanc, Director. Absent was Jerry Richard, Founder/Incorporator.
4. Minutes of the October 4, 2018 Board Meeting were submitted to the Board by Mary Belleau. Mary moved for the acceptance of the Minutes and Sis LaPorte seconded.
5. End of the Year Financial Reports (attached) were submitted by Charles Taylor and seconded by Sis LaPorte.
6. Suzanne Huval Stelly presented the End of the Year Membership Reports (attached) including the Founding Membership Financial Report, Charter Membership Report, General Membership Financial Report, and the Enumerated Listing of Charter Members. The new Founding Members this year are Dr. Glenn & Nancy Granger. The new Charter Members this year are Bryan & Shannon Taylor, Roderick “Pee Wee” & Judy Frederick, Randy & Annette Angelle, Connie Hargrave, Margaret Brinkhaus, Gary & Merelle Schoelerman, Gloria Richard, Rose Broussard and Amy Crawford.

The Board agreed on the guidelines to award In-Kind Founding Membership and In-Kind Charter Membership based on the time, talent, materials and expenses donated to Nonco Foundation. It was agreed that In-Kind Founding Membership would be awarded to Betty Arnaud Roy and her husband Roderick “Brud” Roy in appreciation of all the assistance and dedication they provided to the Auguste Nonco Pelafigue Foundation since its inception on June 10, 2012; and In-Kind Charter Membership would be awarded to Kirk Hebert and Gary Hebert for all the assistance and dedication they provided in allowing Allen Leblanc to head up the restoration project of their Uncle Nonco’s historical house on their property.

The Financial Reports of the Foundation Members and the Charter Members will each have two categories. The additional categories in both membership reports will be In-Kind Founding Members and In-Kind Charter Members to include the names of the members inducted based on their in-kind contributions (time, talent, materials, expense).

The Board requested a review of the numbers and promptly after the meeting, Suzanne presented the following revised numbers to the secretary as the final 2018 End of the Year Membership Report: 9 Founding Members, 3 In-Kind Founding Members (Mary delaHoussaye Belleau, Rose Marie Hardy and Roland Rivette, Betty Arnaud Roy and Roderick “Brud” Roy, couples considered as one member), 80 Charter Members, 2 In-Kind Charter Members (Kirk Hebert and Gary Hebert). Founding Members Total 12, Charter Members Total 82, Total membership is 94. A full listing can be found on the Foundation website at nonco.org.

7. Timeline is up to date as reported by Iris LeBlanc.

8. Committee Reports:

Board Development This year, Betty Arnaud Roy will be able to lead only three the Apostleship of Prayer (AoP) Meetings in May, August, and October. She will discontinue her weekly visits to the Michael Morrow Nursing Home. The AoP Monthly Meetings this year will be led by the following members of the Board: Charles Taylor: January, June, July, December; Suzanne Huval Stelly; February and December; Iris & Allen LeBlanc: March and November; Sis LaPorte: April and September; Betty Arnaud Roy: May, August, and October. Charles Taylor handed out to the Board members the 2019 Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis and the January 2019 Reflections on the Pope’s Prayer Intentions. Each month, the Board members present these monthly reflections to those who participate at the Apostleship of Prayer monthly meetings at the Michael Morrow Nursing Home.

- a. **Beatification and Canonization Committee** – A meeting will be scheduled to meet with Fr. Gary Schexnayder, our Canonical Adviser, to discuss fundraising and grants in anticipation of the opening of the Cause of Canonization of Nonco. We will also ask Fr. Gary to speak to the Bishop Douglas Deshotel and/or Msgr. Mallet to learn about the progress of the Opening of the Cause for Canonization of Nonco. Twice Bishop Douglas Deshotel has expressed that he will open the Cause of Canonization for Nonco – in December, 2017 to Fr. Luis Escalante, the Board’s Consultant from Rome, and again when he met with the Board on March 13, 2018. At that time he requested that we ask Fr. Escalante for a sample letter and the addresses of the Bishops of the United States Region V to whom he would send the letter. We received the requested letter and addresses from Msgr. Escalante on March 14 and sent them, as the Bishop requested, to Marian Bourque, his secretary on Monday, March 19, 2018. Additionally, in one of the Diocese of Lafayette Newsletters, to be included in Church Bulletins, Charlene Richard and Vebis LaFleur were both included as possible saints of the Diocese, Nonco was not included. We were told that the exclusion of Nonco was an oversight.
- b. **Evaluation of Annual Meeting** – Guest Speaker Fr. Travis Abadie gave an inspiring presentation; next year, we need a better sound speaker for presenting the DVD of “The Nonco Story” which should be presented at the very beginning and not the end of the annual meeting.

- c. Membership Development –The addition of PayPal to the Nonco Website “Donate” Page increased response to the end-of-the year e-mail request for new members and renewals.
- d. Research – Historical Documents: Blue Rolfes, Communications Director of the Lafayette Diocese notified us that there are extra May, 2018 issues of the Acadiana Catholic Magazine which are available for us. Charles Taylor will pick them up and will also check to see if a copy of that magazine is included in the Bank Deposit Box with the other documents to be used at the opening of the Cause for Canonization of Nonco.
- e. Finance and Budget – Charles Taylor suggested that the Board invest \$30,000 at Farmers & Merchants Bank in a 20 month CD at 2.5%; if funds are needed before maturity, the penalty for early withdrawal is to forfeit three months of interest. Suzanne Huval Stelly moved and Allen LeBlanc seconded that we proceed with Charles investment suggestion and the board voted unanimously for Charles to proceed.
- f. Marketing –Mary Belleau suggested and it was approved that we order more Sacred Heart magnets to sell at the Reception at the Memorial Mass, the November meetings of the Arnaudville KCs and Ladies Altar Society and the Annual Meeting.
- g. Programs – Memorial French Mass for Nonco will be held on Sunday June 30, 2019. The April Quarterly Board Meeting will be dedicated to planning the Mass and Reception.
- h. Memorial Prayer Garden Committee – As Jerry Richard was absent, no report was given.
- i. Literature Development Committee – Sis LaPorte moved to have an additional printing of the prayer cards entitled: 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Prayer Cards; Iris LeBlanc seconded.
- j. Website Committee – Candide Wyble agreed to be Betty Arnaud Roy’s Website Assistant.

Ad hoc Committees:

- a. Audit
 - b. Events – Charles Taylor and Suzanne Huval Stelly who represented the Nonco Foundation at Arnaudville’s Chamber of Commerce’s First Annual Thanksgiving Festival on November 24, 2018, reported light participation and unfortunately were not able to recruit any volunteers.
 - c. Campaign – Building/Maintaining Membership Base and Collecting Dues
9. Old Business – Allen LeBlanc reported the continued progress of the restoration of Nonco’s House. Kirk Hebert bought and installed hinges on the doors and the windows of the Nonco House. Gary Hebert will build the gate and the Out House. The only expense incurred for this remarkable historical restoration was a check in the amount of \$3,278.00 payable to Mervin Savoy, the carpenter.

10. New Business

a. All Board Members will make a special effort to be with Fr. Gary Schexnayder when he celebrates his 50th Anniversary as a priest on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM at St. John's Cathedral in Lafayette.

b. The Board members approved a \$50 donation to Radio Maria in appreciation for the interview of members prior to the Nonco Memorial Mass and a \$100 donation to Fr. James Kubicki, who was so supportive of the efforts of Nonco Foundation as previous Director of the Pope's Worldwide Network of Prayer.

The Board ended the meeting with the recitation of The Lord's Prayer and by asking Nonco for his intercession for the success of the Board's Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary delaHoussaye Belleau, Secretary