

# **AUGUSTE “NONCO” PELAFIGUE FOUNDATION**

**P.O. Box 696 - Arnaudville LA 70512**

## **Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

**Home of Jim Huval hosted by Suzanne Huval Stelly  
Arnaudville LA**

**Thursday, October 4, 2018, 5:00 PM**

**OPENING PRAYER** was read by Suzanne Stelly.

**MISSION STATEMENT** was read by Mary Belleau.

### **1. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Henry Charles Taylor, President; Allen LeBlanc, Past President; Suzanne Stelly, President-Elect, Membership Chairperson; Jerry Richard, Founder/Incorporator; Mary Belleau, Secretary; Sis LaPorte, Director; Iris LeBlanc, Director.

**BOARD MEMBER AVAILABLE BY PHONE:** Charles Hardy, Past President

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rod Roy, Treasurer resigned because of illness; Betty Roy, Website & Facebook Manager, resigned because of illness of her husband.

**2. MINUTES:** Mary Belleau moved that the Minutes of the July 10, 2018 meeting be accepted, Iris LeBlanc seconded.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT:** Charles Taylor moved for acceptance of the financial report with a balance of \$44,107.77, 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, seconded by Sis LaPorte.

**5. REVIEW OF TIMELINE:** Iris LeBlanc will work with Betty Roy to update the timeline on the Nonco.org Website.

### **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Highlights of the Year** to be completed by Mary Belleau as the Nonco Foundation Annual Report to be presented at the annual meeting on December 7, 2018:

## **Nonco Foundation Highlights for the Year 2018:**

24 Masses on Sunday, June 10, 2018 Celebrated the

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the

Memory of Auguste “Nonco” Pelafigue at

1. St. John Francis Catholic Church, Arnaudville, LA  
Bishop Douglas Deshotel of the Diocese Lafayette, Celebrant

Reverend Travis Abadie, Concelebrant

Reverend Gary Schexnayder, Concelebrant

2. St. Vincent Catholic Church by Père Jean-Pierre Bengono in Beaucens, France, where Nonco was baptized

3. The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network by Father William Blazek, S.J. MD, National Director of the Apostleship of Prayer in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
4. St. Antonino Martire Catholic Church, in Italy by Msgr. Luis Escalante, the External Consultant of the Nonco Foundation
5. St. Francis Mission by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. in St. Francis, South Dakota
6. Immaculate Conception Parish by Brother Jeffery Tablante in Santa Maria, a Bulacan Province of the Philippines
7. The Basicilla of the Sacred Heart , Atlanta, Georgia  
17 Sacred Heart Church Parishes throughout Louisiana

Lafayette Diocese in Baldwin, Broussard, New Iberia, Port Barre, and Ville Platte

Alexandria Diocese in Moreauville and Pineville

Baton Rouge Diocese in Baton Rouge

Houma-Thibodaux Diocese in Cut Off, Montegut, and Morgan City

Lake Charles Diocese in Creole, Lake Charles, and Oakdale

Archdiocese of New Orleans in Lacombe and Norco

Shreveport Diocese in Shreveport

- "The Nonco Story" DVD was included in the letter to the above-mentioned dioceses and parishes requesting a Mass on June 30, 2018.
- The Acadian Catholic Magazine May Issue included "The Nonco Story" as the Centennial Feature Story. It was sent to all the 24 church parishes mentioned above.
- Board Members Charles Taylor, Betty Roy and Mary Belleau were interviewed on Radio Maria prior to the June 10, 2018 Mass.
- Next Year, Bishop Douglas Deshotel has accepted the invitation to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart and the Nonco Memorial French Mass on Sunday, June 30, 2019.
- Charles Taylor has replaced Allen LeBlanc who served a two year term as President of the Nonco Foundation Board and Suzanne Huval Stelly is the President-Elect. Betty Arnaud Roy and her husband Roderick Roy resigned from the board in September for health reasons. The other officers remain the same.
- The Nonco Foundation membership of 76 consists of 10 Founding Members – 3 new ones, and 66 Charter Members - 10 new ones.
- The Louisiana Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will be asked to pass a resolution to acknowledge the possible opening of the Cause for Canonization of Nonco.
- Two more eye witnesses have been interviewed to express their views of Nonco's holiness; a minimum of eight are needed at the opening of the Cause, nine have been interviewed thus far.
- Each month at 9:30 am, The Nonco Group has Apostleship of Prayer League of the Sacred Heart Program on First Thursdays and Communion Service and Sacred Heart Novena on First Fridays at the J. M. Morrow Memorial Nursing Home
- The Nonco Website and Face Book Page are continuously being revised. (add statistics before Annual Meeting in December)
- Restoration of the Nonco House by Mervin Savoy, the contractor, and his three grandsons, Michael and Galen Briscoe and Sam Fontenot. Contributors to the project included: Mike Kidder - donated an old house in Cecilia; Charles Taylor, Luiz Figueiredo, and Allen LeBlanc - removed all the cypress siding on the donated house; George Marks (curator of NuNu's with permission of the owners)- allowed us to get lumber from the old Singleton Lumber Yard; Roland Rivette - contributed the cypress boards to frame all the windows and doors and to re-deck the porch; Jerry Richard - donated the corrugated tin

for the roof of the porch and is in the process of negotiating for materials to build a fence and gate around the house.

- On March 13, 2018, the Board met with Bishop Douglas Deshotel. at which time he told the Board that he would open the Cause of Canonization of Nonco. Bishop Deshotel asked the Board to request that Msgr. Luis Escalante, a Postulator from Rome, send a sample form letter and a list of addresses of the Bishops of the USA Region V to whom Bishop Deshotel would send a letter informing them of his intention to open the Cause of Canonization of Nonco. On March 16, the information requested by Bishop Deshotel was received from Msgr. Luis Escalanti and on March 19 it was e-mailed to Marian Bourque, Bishop Deshotel's Assistant. On March 20, Mary Belleau called Mrs. Bourque to confirm that she had received the sample letter and the addresses of the Region V Bishops.
- A \$100 Scholarship was presented to the Center for Jesus Crucified in St. Martinville, LA, in the name of Miranda Kidder.
- The Nonco Memorial Garden to be compiled by Jerry Richard
- The Nonco Foundation participated in the Arnaudville Chamber of Commerce's First Annual Thanksgiving Festival to explain the mission of the Foundation and to hopefully get more volunteers for the Nonco Foundation.

**B. Beatification and Canonization Committee:** Charles Hardy met with Fr. Gary Schexnaylder to ask him to meet with Msgr. Curtis Mallet, full-time vicar general for the Diocese of Lafayette, La regarding the Diocese of Lafayette's Centennial August Newsletter which was inserted in many of the parish weekly bulletins of the churches of the Diocese of Lafayette. The newsletter included Charlene Richard and Verbis LaFleur as possible saints from the Diocese of Lafayette but did **not** include anything about Nonco. In the meeting, Msgr. Mallet told Fr. Gary that it was an error of omission by the Diocese of Lafayette that Nonco was not included.

**C. Nonco Memorial Garden:** Rachel Trahan, Instructor of LSU School of Design, and her 14, fourth-year students have visited the two possible sites for the Nonco Memorial Garden: 1. On the banks of Bayou Teche behind the St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church in Arnaudville and 2. behind the Church's office. On Monday, October 15, 2018, at 1:00 PM the group will present their suggestions for the Garden to the Dean of the LSU School of Design and to the Nonco Board.

**D. Website Committee:** Mary Belleau will inquire if the Nonco.org Website could show the number of hits made to the Website.

#### **E. Ad Hoc Committees**

**a. Event** – See "To Do" List for Annual Meeting on next page

**b. Campaign** – Mary Belleau suggested that the "Donate" Page of the Website be revised and shown to Beverly Brooks-Thompson, a fundraising consultant, for her advice to the board as to how to appeal for donations to members and corporations and to apply for grants.

**7. Old Business – The restoration of Nonco's House** is now almost complete. We were very fortunate to have so many friends and relatives contribute to this project. Thanks to Kirk and Gary Hebert, owners of the property, we were able to build Nonco a brand new "old" house of recycled lumber. Our contractor, Mervin Savoy, his three grandsons, Michael and Galen Briscoe and Sam Fontenot, did a remarkable job at restoring Nonco's House. Contributors to the project included John Kidder, who donated an old house

in Cecilia. Charles Taylor, Luiz Figueiredo, and Allen LeBlanc removed all the cypress siding on the donated house to replace the unusable siding on the Nonco House. George Marks (curator of NuNu's with permission of the owners) allowed us to get from the old Singleton Lumber Yard all the two by sixes, two by fours, and additional siding to supplement and complete the project. Roland Rivette contributed all the one by twelve by sixteen cypress boards to frame all the window and doors and to re-deck the porch. Jerry Richard donated the corrugated tin for the roof of the porch. Jerry also is in the process of coordinating a deal with Tractor Supply to get materials to build a fence and gate around the house. The Nonco Foundation is very grateful for this coordinated effort. We know Nonco is smiling as he sees his old house as it used to be.

**8. New Business** – Suzanne Stelly and Charles Taylor will attend the Arnaudville Chamber of Commerce's First Annual Thanksgiving Festival organizational meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 6:00 PM at the Little Flower Auditorium to discuss "The Volunteer Fest" and "The Harvest Ball" to be held on Saturday, November 24, 2018. The 23 non-profit organizations of Arnaudville have been invited to this event to gather new volunteers for their organization.

**"To Do" List for Nonco Board Meeting, December 7, 2018 following the anticipated Mass of December 8, 2018, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception:**

- Quorum is needed—all the directors please come to the Annual Meeting and bring family and friends

**Publicity Prior to Meeting**

- Invite St. John Francis Regis Pastor and request that he have a Mass on the vigil of December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Hopefully, people who attend the Mass will also attend the annual meeting – done by Sis LaPorte
- Reserve LF Auditorium for full day of Annual Meeting – done by Suzanne Stelly
- Schedule the annual meeting on December 7 each year.

**Publicity**

- Prepare Notice/ "Save the Date" to be emailed to Membership, Memorial Donors, Clergy, Prayer List Contacts – all contacts in the Nonco gmail address book. Obtain approval from Board. E-mail one month prior to Annual Meeting. Mary Belleau
- Create a Face Book Event to invite FB Friends and send to Lafayette Diocese Face Book Contact, Julie Mire [jmire@diolaf.org](mailto:jmire@diolaf.org)
- Prepare Press Release and submit for approval: Send to **Acadiana Catholic (check for deadline)**; Send one month before to Daily World: 2897 S Union St, Opelousas, LA 70570, (337) 943-7000 ext. 0 Daily Advertiser [lafdailyadvertiser@gannett.com](mailto:lafdailyadvertiser@gannett.com) Daily Advertiser Staff: <https://www.theadvertiser.com/contact/staff/> Kristen Askelson, News Director [kaskelson@theadvertiser.com](mailto:kaskelson@theadvertiser.com); Claire Taylor, [ctaylor@theadvertiser.com](mailto:ctaylor@theadvertiser.com) "Community Watchdog" for the Daily Advertiser <https://www.theadvertiser.com/staff/12685/-claire-taylor/> Marguerite Shipley, Contributed Content, [mshipley2@theadvertiser.com](mailto:mshipley2@theadvertiser.com) and Teche News – Mary suggests: President hand delivers to Daily World and Daily Advertiser. Florent "Pon" Hardy delivers to Teche News.
- Prepare Annual Report which will be in letter form highlighting Foundation accomplishments of the year, include dues notice and request help to build membership. E-mail one month prior to the Annual Meeting. Identify those who have no e-mail addresses and send by U.S. Mail. (check with Betty Roy.)

**Invitations**

- Invite the St. Francis Pastor to pray the Opening Prayer at the meeting – Sis LaPorte
- invite KC Council - Charles Taylor
- Send Invitation one month ahead of Annual Meeting for Church Bulletins at St. Francis, St. Catherine in Arnaville and St. Joseph in Cecilia – Suzanne Stelly. St. Leo in Leonville, St. Katherine in Leonville and St. Jules in Prairie Laurent – Iris LeBlanc. Our Lady of Mercy and St. Bernard - Betty. Ask for publication on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends in November.

#### **At the Door**

- Two tables for Guest Register and Pens for Sign in – **Make sure everyone signs in and provides e-mail addresses – This is VERY, VERY important to fund raising – Iris and Sis**
- Programs will be handed out including Nonco Prayer Cards with Relics will be enclosed in the Program
- Donations Box – Betty Roy
- Forms: Sign In, Membership, Donation
- Sale of “The Nonco Story” DVD and the Magnets with the Sacred Heart Picture and Blessing
- Door Prizes: Tickets – Suzanne Taylor and Mavis Fruge

#### **Program Creation for Handout at Meeting**

- Prepare Program Handout to include: 1. Program for the evening, 2. Nonco Foundation Objectives and Mission, 3. The Annual Report/Highlights of the Year as stated in the News Release 4. The Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, (see below) 5. Invitation to Monthly Programs at the Morrow Nursing Home.
- Enclosures in Program: 1. The Nonco Prayer Card with relic, From the Apostleship of Prayer League of the Sacred Heart: 2. The Pope’s Prayer Intentions for 2019, 3. Reflections on the Pope’s Prayer Intentions of January 2019.
- Submit for approval. Print 40 copies of Program; request enclosures from Apostleship of Prayer; insert enclosures and Nonco Prayer Card in program for distribution at Annual Meeting
- The Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will comfort them in their trials.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death.
5. I will shed abundant blessings on all their undertakings
6. Sinners will find in My Heart an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls will become fervent.
8. Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection.
9. I will bless every place where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. The names of those who promote this devotion will be written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
12. I promise thee, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

#### **Program on the Night of the Event**

- Prepare scripts for all participants, send to participants, bring a copy on the night of the Annual – Betty

- Meeting – Iris will give to Charles Taylor the President’s Checklist used by Allen LeBlanc last year  
President- remember to ask for anyone who did not sign in to raise their hand so that Iris and Sis can go to them to have them sign  
President - refer to Program to explain Program & Enclosures (see list as first item under “Program Handout”)
- Officers Reports:  
Minutes of the previous year – Mary Belleau Secretary  
Financial Report – Charles Taylor, Treasurer  
Membership Report – Suzanne Stelly, Membership Chair  
Give reports to Secretary to include in the Minutes of the Annual Meeting
- Drawings at various times during Program– Suzanne Stelly & Mavis Fruge
- Show “The Nonco Story” DVD
- Remind attendees of the Sale of:
  1. “The Nonco Story” DVD – Mary now has 10 will have 25 more DVDs made.
  2. The Magnets with the picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the quote: “I will bless the homes where an image of my heart shall be exposed and honored.” - Check on cost of the magnets: Mary (Hobby Lobby) and Iris (Shutterfly).
- Photography – Bryan Taylor
- Entertainment – Lindy LeBlanc
- Closing Prayer - Twelve Promises of Sacred Heart to Saint Margaret Mary

### **Displays**

- Nonco Cross - Allen and Iris
- Bring: 1. Painting of Nonco by Vincent Darby, 2. Vincent Darby’s Etouffee Poster, 3. Picture of Nonco by Jim Cutler - Suzanne

Mary Belleau:

- 3 Picture Frames – Papal Decree, Papal Medal, Picture of Nonco receiving medal
- 2 Loose leaf binders with Nonco’s Story and Nonco’s Documents
- and 2 easels
- 2 Posters with pictures of Nonco’s Life and Nonco’s Spiritual Life and easel from Charles Taylor

### **Supplies**

- Small Plastic Plates, Toilet Paper – Suzanne Stelly
- Paper Products: Paper Cups, Paper Bowls, Paper Towels, Napkins, Dish towels – Jerry Richard
- Table cloths, Iris
- Saran Cling Wrap (cover food during Mass/Annual Meeting) - Mary
- Use Church vases and flowers in storage room adjacent to the LFAuditorium – Willie Wyble

### **Food**

- Chicken Gumbo – Jerry Richard
  - Chicken Salad Sandwich Tray - Paul and Sis LaPorte (Bring Mary’s silver plastic trays to Russell’s)
  - Yams, rice, Suzanne Stelly
  - 2 gallons tea, and 3 cases bottled water – Charles Taylor
- Equipment

Computer, screen, microphone, Public Address System – Charles Taylor and Willie Wyble

Video DVD for presentation of “The Nonco Story” - Mary