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MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

**Little Flower Auditorium
234 Main Street, Arnaudville, LA
December 7, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: Charles Taylor, President since January 2018, welcomed everyone to the 7th Annual Nonco Foundation Meeting being held in the Little Flower Auditorium where Nonco held his many Sacred Heart Plays. He thanked everyone in attendance for their support, encouragement and participation in promoting the Cause for Nonco. He requested that we ask Nonco to intercede on our behalf and that we report favors granted from Nonco’s intercessions. He announced that as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, the Nonco Foundation is required by law to hold a membership meeting attended by a quorum of 10% of its membership which was present. The meeting proceeded as follows:

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/BLESSING BEFORE THE MEAL; Rev. Gary Schexnayder, Episcopal Delegate to the Nonco Cause and a native of Arnaudville, reminded the audience of the December 7, 1941 event of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii by Japan which was experienced by a number of Arnaudville natives who were at Pearl Harbor on that date. He also asked the audience to remember the 41st President, George Herbert Walker Bush who was buried recently. He led the blessing before the meal.

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS: During the meeting, everyone enjoyed Jerry Richard’s gumbo and the donated food and refreshments.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY PRESIDENT CHARLES TAYLOR: Allen LeBlanc , Past President who served two as President 2016 and 2017; Sis Morrow LaPorte, Director and Agent for the Morrow Children, our first Founding Member; Mary Belleau, Delegate to 2014 Conference of Bishops, Secretary since 2016; Suzanne Huval Stelly, recently re-elected to the Town of Arnaudville Council and our Membership Chairman; Jerry Richard, Incorporator and First President of the Foundation and Chair of the Memorial Prayer Garden; Iris LeBlanc, Director; President Charles Taylor announced that Betty Arnaud Roy, Incorporator, Website and Facebook Manager and her husband Roderick Roy, Director resigned from the board because of health reasons.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – Mary Belleau moved that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 2017 be approved, Sis LaPorte seconded. Mary Belleau presented the following:

NONCO BOARD HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018:

Twenty Four Memorial Masses were held on June 10, 2018, celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart and in Memory of Auguste “Nonco” Pelafigue.

Lafayette Diocese Bishop Douglas Deshotel served as principal celebrant of the Annual Memorial Mass at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church in Nonco’s hometown of Arnaudville; Fr. Travis Abadie was the concelebrant

Over 500 attended and listened to Bishop Deshotel’s homily stressing “The Twelve Promises of Jesus” to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque for those dedicated to His Sacred Heart

In addition to the Annual Memorial Mass in Arnaudville, 23 other Masses were celebrated in: Beauçens, France, at St. Vincent Catholic Church where Nonco was baptized; Milwaukee, WI by the Director of the Apostleship of Prayer of the League of the Sacred Heart; St. Francis, SD by the previous Director of the Apostleship of Prayer; Rome, Italy by the Consultant to the Nonco Foundation; Atlanta, GA’s at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart; The Philippines, Bulacan Province of Santa Maria; and at 18 other Masses were celebrated at the Sacred Heart Parish Churches throughout LA. Immediately following the Annual Memorial Mass, a reception was held in the Little Flower Auditorium, where Nonco held his many plays in honor of the Sacred Heart

Prior to the Annual Memorial Mass, Foundation’s members: Charles Taylor, Betty Roy and Mary delaHoussaye were interviewed on Radio Maria and highlighted the mission of the Nonco Foundation.

The Nonco’s Story, “A Life Worthy of the Lord” was the Centennial Feature Story published in the May, 2018 issue of the *Acadiana Catholic Magazine* of the Diocese of Lafayette.

Nonco Foundation Board Members met with Bishop Deshotel providing him with the requested information pertinent to the opening of the cause of canonization of Nonco. A minimum of eight interviews of eye witnesses to express their views of Nonco’s holiness are needed at the opening of the cause of canonization of Nonco; nine have been interviewed so far; two more eye witnesses were interviewed this year.

Restoration was completed of the two-room house in which Nonco lived during his adult life. The Board thanks the many generous friends and relatives who contributed their materials, time, and talent to the success of this project.

Each month at 9:30, on the First Thursdays, the Nonco Group has the Apostleship of Prayer League of the Sacred Heart Program and at 9:30 on First Fridays, Communion Services and the Sacred Heart Novena continue to held at Arnaudville’s J.M. Morrow Memorial Nursing Home. Everyone is invited to attend these monthly functions.

Planning of the Nonco Memorial Prayer Garden is now being done in partnership with the nationally ranked LSU School of Landscape Architecture

A French Flag to honor Nonco's heritage, displayed here tonight and to also be displayed at the Nonco Memorial Masses, has been donated by Florent Hardy, Jr

A \$100 Scholarship was presented to the Center for Jesus Crucified in St. Martinville, LA in the name of Miranda Kidder.

Charles Taylor and Suzanne Stelly represented The Nonco Foundation at the Arnaudville Chamber of Commerce's First Annual Thanksgiving Festival to promote the accomplishments of the Foundation and to recruit new members

A DVD of the Nonco Story and a magnet with the picture of the Sacred Heart is being sold as an additional source of income to the Foundation.

The Nonco Foundation is proud to report the following statistics for 2018: Over 1,000 visited the Nonco.org Website this year. The number of names submitted to the Prayer Lists are: 42 for Special Intentions; 50 for Military and Police; 202 In Memoriam of Deceased; 507 to the Healing of the Sick. Membership consists of 76 members: 10 Founding Members – 3 new ones – 66 Charter Members – 10 new ones.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Charles Taylor presented the following: 2018 Beginning Balance \$39,264.97, 2018 Income total \$8,463.45, Expenses \$4,551.52, 2018 Ending Balance \$43,176.52 for a net gain of \$3,911.93. This is a non-profit corporation run by volunteers. No one earns a salary. We need help, both in donations and in volunteers. Our Financial Reports are posted on the Foundation Page of the nonco.org website. Charles moved for acceptance of his report. Suzanne Stelly seconded.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Suzanne Huval Stelly presented the End of the Year Membership Reports. The New Founding Members this year are Dr. Glenn & Nancy Granger bringing the Total Founding Members to 10. The New Charter Members this year are Bryan & Shannon Taylor, Roderick "Pee Wee" & Judy Frederick, Randy & Annette Angelle, Connie Hargrave, Margaret Brinkhaus, Gary & Merell Schoelerman, Gloria Richard, Rose Broussard and Amy Crawford bringing the Total Charter Members to 80 and the Total Membership to 90.

MEMORIAL PRAYER GARDEN REPORT: Chairman Jerry Richard reported that he has been working with Dean of the LSU School of Landscape Architecture and the students for their ideas for the Nonco Memorial Garden to be placed either behind the Church Office or between two large oak trees on the bayou. The theme of the garden will include the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Theresa. He also mentioned to the audience the most important things one could do to help the Foundation (1) to become a charter member, (2) get someone else to become a charter member, and (3) visit the Website which not only reflects what Nonco did but it highlights the community of Arnaudville. He made a special request that names and pictures of veterans and identification of their service to our country be included on the Website and that we ask Nonco to intercede for them. Jerry mentioned that during Nonco's lifetime, he would often pray with members of the families who had children serving in the military. After Jerry's comments, Charles Taylor introduced Remi Kidder who was a veteran in the audience.

RESTORATION OF NONCO'S HOME: Allen LeBlanc gave the following report: The restoration of the Nonco House is 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 estate, we were able to build Nonco a brand new old house. Kirk removed all of the old cypress shingles from the house, cleaned the area around the house, and also cleaned out the inside of the house. Gary built a little overhang over Nonco's back door and our contractor, Mervin Savoy, his three grandsons, Michael and Galen Briscoe and Sam Fontenot, did a remarkable job at restoring the house. Contributors to the project included John Kidder who was instrumental in arranging the donation of the house siding located in Henderson with Jerry Delhomme and Mr. & Mrs. James Hamilton.

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 from the owners) ,of the old Singleton Lumber Yard, allowed us to get 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 windows 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. Gary Hebert has already erected the corner posts for the entire fence and gate. All that is left to do is put in the connecting posts and the fence wire. Our goal is to have the fence resemble the one in the picture drawn by Vincent Darby. We also need hinges for the doors and shutters. 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.

INTRODUCTIONS: Fr. Gary Schexnayder introduced Fr. Darren Eldridge, pastor of St. Leo Catholic Church of Leonville and the guest speaker, Fr. Travis Abadie, pastor of St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church of Arnaudville, whose talk was on Nonco's Virtues – How Nonco lived a life of virtues. We know that by looking at his childhood, his house, his suffering, his walking in pain to promote the Sacred Heart, his charity by serving his church and the Little Flower School. What did Nonco produce? His little flowers...I am looking at you now. You are the reflection of his good work.

He referred to the book, *The Devotion to the Sacred Heart* about the life of St. Mary Margaret Alacoque of France who willingly embraced her suffering as a way to love God...just as Nonco sought first and foremost to love God. It is not about the pain, it is about the love that we can embrace the suffering of Christ upon the cross to grow closer to Him by our suffering.

Nonco concentrated on the LOVE that God has for us through his devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. What can our response be? (1) Become a member of the Nonco Foundation, (2) Pray, Pray, Pray, (3) Be devoted to the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; and (4) Attend Mass frequently and receive Holy Communion; (5) Visit the Blessed Sacrament (6) Continue faithfulness to the Sacred Heart through First Friday devotion and the annual memorial Mass.

He ended his talk by presenting to those in attendance the St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church's beautiful new vestments with the Sacred Heart designs that were donated in memory of Nancy and Floyd Stelly.

He asked the audience to pray to the Sacred Heart for healing of the present crisis of the Catholic Church and to attend the upcoming One-Day Sacred Heart Retreat. He ended his talk asking Nonco to intercede for us with the words, "Auguste 'Nonco' Pelafigue, pray for us!"

RAFFLE & DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS – **Suzanne Stelly** asked Fr. Travis to draw the winning tickets. Suzanne awarded prizes from the drawing of the \$1 tickets which were sold to the attendees as they entered along with the DVD of "The "Nonco" Story" by Mary delaHoussaye Belleau and Betty Arnaud Roy and the Magnet with the picture of the Sacred Heart and the quote, "I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored."

ATTENDANCE: There were 36 in attendance, 19 of those attending the annual meeting had performed through the years in one of Nonco's Plays in the Little Flower Auditorium, the same location in which the annual meeting was held!

PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS: Thanks to: the clergy, Fr. Abadie, Fr. Schnexayder, and Fr. Elridge for their guidance and assistance; the board members for their support, and the foundation members for their contributions and for friends who are here. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to those who purchased DVDs or magnets.

CLOSING PRAYER: Mary Belleau lead the reading of "The Twelve Promises of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary for those devoted to His Sacred Heart:"

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, now without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the 8th Annual Meeting scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Agnes Hardy delaHoussaye Belleau, Secretary,

Auguste "Nonco" Pelafigue Foundation
