

## **AUGUSTE “NONCO” PELAFIGUE FOUNDATION**

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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Wednesday, AUGUST 18, 2021 - 9:30 A.M.

CHARLES TAYLOR'S HOUSE ON THE TECHE

WELCOME: Charles M. Hardy, President, thanked everyone for attending and the Board members present, recited the Opening Prayer. In attendance were Charles Taylor, Iris and Allen LeBlanc, Suzanne Stelly, Jerry Richard, Kathy and Charles Hardy. Absent were Sis LaPorte and Candide Wyble. Betty Roy has decided to relinquish her position on the Board. Betty constructed the wonderful website we currently have, set up our not for profit foundation and recently recruited and signed up junior members who will be our future leaders. I must remind everyone that our Postulator in Rome, Rev. Luis F. Escalante, JCD. Discovered Nonco when searching Websites for Canonization candidates. We will miss Betty and thank her for all she did for this Mission since its beginning in 2012. Without this Website, Nonco may not have ever had the “Opening of the Cause” to Canonization.

### **RE-LOCATING THE REMAINS OF NONCO TO A HUMBLE PLACE OF PRAYER**

Allen and Iris LeBlanc discussed with many of Nonco's relatives, where they would prefer to have this done. Most all of them would like Nonco to remain in the Arnaudville Cemetery close to the Mausoleum he is now in. Fr. Gary Schexnayder graciously offered his cemetery plot, for Nonco's final resting place, next to Msgr. Daniel Bernard, which is an area only about 60 feet from where Nonco now rest. The Board of Directors unanimously agreed to pay for a new place of rest for Fr. Gary Schexnayder. He has already discussed these plans with his family and our Pastor Fr. Travis Abadie. We sincerely thank Fr. Gary Schexnayder for this blessed gesture.

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### **COMPENSATION OF NOTARIES WORKING WITH INTERVIEW PROCESS**

We have two notaries, Betty Sanders and Candide Wyble, working with Fr. Abadie during and after the witness interview process. Fr. Abadie has asked the Foundation to consider compensating them for this. They spend almost two hours during the actual interviews, take notes and transcribe this work to a typed document for the permanent record. Fr. Abadie suggested we pay \$175/interview to them. Only one of them will be involved in each interview. The board unanimously agreed to pay the notaries this stipend. This is a very challenging task and we thank them for their hard work to capture this information properly and professionally.

### **ASSIGNMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Board agreed to appoint Kenny Toups, CPA, as the Foundation's financial officer. Responsibilities include, check recording, deposit recording, bank reconciliation preparation, financial reporting on a quarterly basis to the Board. For this the Board agreed unanimously to pay \$90 per month to Mr. Toups. All check signing will remain with Board of directors, two signatures required on every check.

### **MAINTENANCE OF ROAD IN FRONT OF NONCO'S HOUSE**

This road is in terrible condition. Charles Hardy explained to everyone that this is not a road that belongs to St. Landry Parish; it's a private road owned by Simplot a fertilizer company. They now own everything that used to belong to Joe Darby. Charles Hardy has reached out to Simplot explaining that Nonco's house will be a popular visitation place soon after "Blue" highway signs are posted directing people to Arnaudville to pray at Nonco's burial site but to also see the little house Nonco lived in. Simplot understands a well maintained road will be necessary for this to happen. Simplot knows the Nonco Foundation is willing to participate in this maintenance project but we would like to know if they would also participate with the expense of doing this. We should know soon of their decision.

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### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following have agreed to serve:

*President – Fr. Gary Schexnayder* ( Fr. Gary was actually a pupil of Nonco’s at Little Flower School and of course one of Arnaudville’s fine Priest. We thank him for his help and leadership)

President Elect – Charles Hardy

Secretary – Suzanne Stelly

Treasurer – Charles Taylor

### **COMPENSATION OF EPISCOPAL DELEGATE**

The Board of Directors have authorized Charles Hardy to visit with Fr. Travis Abadie, our Episcopal Delegate, to determine the amount of work and time it takes to not just perform witness interviews but the time it takes to prepare for these. He does this in addition to his Pastoral responsibilities that is his full time job. We need to recognize this sacrifice and we want to compensate him for continuing the process of Canonization of Auguste “Nonco” Pelafigue.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. with a closing prayer

**SUZANNE STELLY-SECRETARY**