

AUGUSTE “NONCO” PELAFIGUE FOUNDATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – FEB. 8, 2022 6:00 pm Held at the Huval House

WELCOME: Members present were Jerry Richard, Allen LeBlanc, Charles Taylor , Suzanne Stelly, and Iris LeBlanc. Absent was Sis Laporte.

OPENING PRAYER

With Nonco as our example, we pray: Lord Jesus, you were sent by the Father to gather those who are scattered. You came among us doing good, announcing the Word of Salvation, and giving the Bread which lasts forever. Enflame our hearts and open our minds so that we may recognize you in the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread. May you your Holy Spirit transform us into one body and lead us to walk humbly on the earth in justice and love. Amen, Thank you, Jesus!

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

To provide religious, educational and charitable programs which will continue the work of Auguste “Nonco” Pelafigue and to explore his beatification and canonization for his tireless work of spreading his message of love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially to those who are dealing with the hardships of life and to strengthen and grow the Catholic faith.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS

Conflict of interest forms were filled out and signed by Board members present. Suzanne Stelly offered to get Sis Laporte’s form to her for her signature. Director Jerry Richard witnessed signatures.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

As a group the Board felt that someone was needed to act as the contact person for the Foundation and to manage meetings and activities associated with this volunteer organization. Jerry Richard graciously accepted this responsibility and was appointed President-Elect. Fr. Donald Bernard is President.

Discussion on need for and Executive Director to organize meetings was held. Jerry Richard as President-Elect will fill this position for now. Discussed possibility of hiring person to do some of the secretarial work. Possibly once a week for a few hours. Venetia Pelafigue was discussed as a possible candidate. No decision was reached on this.

Suzanne Stelly will be taking over the Treasurer position from Charles Taylor as she is local and can check mailbox and do FM banking. Iris LeBlanc will act as Secretary and continue revising Timeline as well as checking emails. Charles Taylor will assist Suzanne Stelly with duties of treasurer.

New Board members from Lake Charles were put on hold until later time when duties of board members can be discussed with them.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Jerry Richard would like to get membership and donations listing as a Spread Sheet. Suzanne Stelly and Charles Taylor will continue to get F&B reports.

Iris LeBlanc questioned various bills from Norton found in emails. Charles Taylor check with bank and monies had not come out. Will keep a watch on this.

WEBSITE

Jerry Richard and Iris LeBlanc questioned the Nonco Website ease of use. Website needs to be simple. Links on page could not be opened. Iris LeBlanc will look into this and check with someone who knows more about websites. Candide Wyble is in France and no longer available for help with

the site. Jerry Richard will follow up on this. Website needs to be kept current.

NONCO BURIAL SITE AND EXHUMATION

Discussion on what will be done with Nonco's old burial crypt after his remains are moved into Fr. Gary Schexnayder's site. Fr. Abadie wants the Foundation to purchase the plot since the church gave it to Fr. Schexnayder.

ANNUAL MEETING

December 8, 2022 was decided on as the date for the Annual Mass. Jerry Richard will check with Fr. Abadie and Suzanne Stelly was assigned job of reserving Little Flower Auditorium for reception following mass.

Amount of Nonco cards on hand was discussed – approximately 400 small cards and big cards with cloth rubbed on tomb attached. Cards are housed at the Huval House.

Cowboy Catholics of McNeese (Kellie Comeaux , Kristin Guillory, Emma Guidry and Hannah Beard 337-529-7229) previously committed to be volunteers at the Annual Mass. Iris LeBlanc will contact them concerning the December 8 Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from St. Frances de Sales Oratory in Sulphur, LA for a picture large picture of Nonco to place on display with other pictures of local saints. Iris and Allen LeBlanc will take care of this.

Sample Crocheted Sacred Heart Badges – Iris LeBlanc will check on this.

Jerry Richard shared a picture of the sign that he is having made for Nonco's house and discussed progress of street signs. Different programs and vendors with state i.e. \$500.00 per sign for some and location of Arnaudville makes it confusing. Many roads leading into Arnaudville.

Suzanne Stelly voiced a concern about the location in Russell's for selling Nonco books as someone else had put other merchandise in front of books. Charles Taylor will order more books and ask Melanie about conflict.

Jerry Richard will set up next meeting with Fr. Bernard in attendance.

CLOSING PRAYER

Eternal Father, in the Holy Spirit in which Nonco lived his life, we want to consecrate and commit ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and be more devoted and faithful children.

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, with this consecration and commitment we return to you the love you showed in your earthly life, especially on Calvary, and which you showed Nonco and you show us still today.

Full of trust we seek shelter in your loving heart. Protect us in all we do to further the cause of beatification and canonization of Nonco. After this earthly pilgrimage, take us to our eternal home in Heaven.

Amen

Meeting ended at 7:35pm.

NEXT MEETING : APRIL 11, 2022
HUVAL HOUSE

IRIS LEBLANC – SECRETARY
FEBRUARY 8, 2022