

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, April 1, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc. was held at Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperation, 1001 State Road 35, Centuria, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, 1:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.

Present: Merle Bergren, Gary Ganje, Mabel Jensen, Lida Nordquist, Alma Karels, Clarice Johnson, Ed Peterson, Kris McCormack and Joan O’Fallon (facilitator).

Absent: JoAnn Kipping

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Gary Ganje called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a motion made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Kris McCormack.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Gary Ganje read the mission statement to guide board’s consideration of grant requests.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

A motion was made by Alma Karels and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve the January 16, 2015, meeting minutes. Motion carried. Joan O’Fallon will post minutes on the website.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Kris McCormack and seconded by Merle Bergren to approve the treasurer’s report. The year-to-date total, including donations through February 2015, is \$34,132.38. Year-to-date disbursements were \$16,300 for grant awards and \$198.95 for mileage reimbursement. As of March 2015, Operation Round-Up had a balance of \$17,633.43.

ACCEPTANCE OF 2014 INTERNAL AUDIT AND TAX RETURN

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Clarice Johnson to accept the 2014 internal audit and tax return for Operation Round-Up. Motion carried.

MEETING FACILITATORS REPORT

Joan distributed thank-you notes and publications from grant recipients. She also distributed a schedule with new board meeting dates and times—the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. as decided by the board last meeting—and confirmed the new schedule would work for all board directors.

MOTION TO APPROVE/DENY GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by Kris McCormack and seconded by Alma Karels to approve \$13,450 in grant funding for 17 organizations listed below.

1. Lien Elementary School, \$950

to purchase books for summer reading program

2. Yellow Lake Food Distribution, \$1,500

to purchase food for monthly distribution in Webster

3. Rowdy Red Hat Mamas of NW Wisconsin, \$500

to assemble Comfort Kits for women in crisis at local emergency rooms

- 4. Community Referral Agency, \$1,000**
to upgrade play area for children in domestic violence shelters
- 5. Siren Chamber of Commerce, \$500**
to help install an electronic sign at Crooked Lake Park for community
- 6. Polk County Home & Community Education, \$1,000**
to purchase books for young children through Head Start program
- 7. Burnett Washburn Radio Association, \$500**
to upgrade equipment on radio towers and ensure reliable emergency communication
- 8. Endeavors Adult Development Center, \$1,000**
to purchase an automatic electronic defibrillator for the greenhouse/garden center
- 9. Go Saint Croix, City of St. Croix Falls, \$500**
to support the arts, fitness and local culture with Feet to Fish stencil project
- 10. Island City Academy, \$500**
to provide student transportation to Lake Superior Youth Symposium
- 11. Grantsburg Public Library, \$1,000**
to support summer reading program for youth and families
- 12. St. Croix Falls Public Library, \$1,000**
to support summer youth programs in music, the arts and literacy
- 13. Grantsburg Revitalization Operation, \$500**
to promote natural resources with trail maps, signage and information kiosk
- 14. Dresser-Osceola-Garfield Fire Association, \$1,000**
to purchase equipment and supplies for decontamination of hazardous materials
- 15. Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, Amery Post 7929, \$500**
to promote patriotism in Amery Schools, mark Veterans graves and offer relief program for Polk County Veterans and families
- 16. Central Burnett County Fair Association, \$500**
to help build grandstand bleachers
- 17. Mental Health Task Force of Polk County, \$1,000**
to develop a website for enhanced outreach and program awareness

Funding was denied to the following organizations:

1. Amery Women's Club, \$1,500 request, *to provide post-secondary scholarships for women going back to school. Reason for denial: Worthy effort and organization, but Operation Round-Up does not fund scholarship programs, per grant application instructions.*

2. River's Run and Ride Rally, \$500 request, *to install bleachers at Bering Park in Milltown. Reason for denial: Applied too early, eligible to receive grant once per year, hold until next quarter.*

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Alma Karels and seconded by Ed Peterson to approve mileage reimbursement for board members who submitted expense forms. Checks will be mailed by Polk-Burnett's finance department.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Merle Bergren and seconded by Kris McCormack to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 1, 2015, 1:30 p.m., Siren.