

# **Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, April 5, 2017**

*A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc. was held at Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative, 1001 State Road 35, Centuria, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 1:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.*

Present: Merle Bergren, JoAnn Kipping, Gary Ganje, Clarice Johnson, Ed Peterson, Alma Karels, Elvira Schmidt, Herschl Brown and Joan O'Fallon (facilitator).

Absent: Kris McCormack.

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Gary Ganje, president, called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a motion made by Herschl Brown and seconded by JoAnn Kipping.

## READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Merle Bergren read the mission statement to guide the board's consideration of grant requests.

## APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve the January 4, 2017, meeting minutes. Motion carried. Joan O'Fallon will post minutes on the website.

## APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Clarice Johnson and seconded by Herschl Brown to approve the treasurer's report. The year-to-date total through March 2017 is \$34,692.32. Year-to-date disbursements totaled \$9,500, plus \$242.89 for mileage reimbursement. The ending balance is \$24,949.43.

## MEETING FACILILATOR'S REPORT

- Joan O'Fallon distributed thank-you notes and publications from grant recipients.
- Joan reported that terms expire in June 2017 for directors Gary Ganje, Merle Bergren and JoAnn Kipping. All agreed to return for another three-year term.
- Joan shared the 2016 Polk-Burnett Charities tax return and audit with the board.

## MOTION TO APPROVE/DENY GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by Alma Karels and seconded by Merle Bergren to approve \$19,800 in grant funding for 24 organizations listed below.

### **1. Home & Away Ministries Center, \$1,000**

*to purchase supplies for new dental clinic*

### **2. Siren Police Department, \$1,000**

*to help purchase digital speed sign*

### **3. Coats for Kids, \$1,000**

*to purchase winter clothing for local kids*

### **4. Amery Area Food Pantry, \$1,500**

*to purchase food, household items and personal care items for local families*

### **5. Community Referral Agency, \$1,000**

*to fund after-school, weekend and summer activities for children*

- 6. Frederic Elementary School, \$1,000**  
*to teach theme unit on National Parks and take field trip to Crystal Cave*
- 7. Grantsburg Public Library, \$800**  
*to update two computers for public use*
- 8. Burnett County UW-Extension, \$800**  
*to help with printing costs for Summer Event Guide for youth*
- 9. Osceola Elementary School, \$250**  
*to purchase a standing work table and wobble stools for classroom*
- 10. Friends of Turtle Lake Public Library, \$1,000**  
*to purchase computers for public use and help fund summer reading program*
- 11. Humane Society of Burnett County, \$700**  
*to purchase supplies and equipment to do fecal exams*
- 12. Luck School District, \$500**  
*to replace old stove with a new one*
- 13. Polk County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council, \$250**  
*to offer rewards to people who complete court-ordered treatment plans*
- 14. Rowdy Red Hat Mamas of NW Wisconsin, \$500**  
*to provide personal care items for women in crisis at five local emergency rooms*
- 15. Burnett County Fresh and Healthy, \$1,000**  
*to purchase equipment and supplies to provide healthy food samples at community events*
- 16. Domestic Animal Wellness Center & Wildlife Rescue, \$1,000**  
*to purchase supplies and medications in bulk for sick and injured wildlife and offer free and low-cost wellness services for pets*
- 17. Polk County Emergency Management, \$1,000**  
*to help fund communications software that links and saves critical time for fire departments, EMS and first responders*
- 18. Polk County Home & Community Education, \$500**  
*to purchase books through Wisconsin Bookworms program for Head Start children*
- 19. Gift of Warm Clothing, \$1,500**  
*to purchase winter clothing for local families*
- 20. Friends of Larsen Family Public Library, \$1,000**  
*to purchase books and supplies for early childhood literacy program*
- 21. Polk County Heath Dept. Community Health Improvement Plan, \$1,000**  
*to promote walking and physical fitness with an interactive website of county walking trails*
- 22. Luck School Garden, \$250**  
*to purchase seed starter kits for elementary classrooms*
- 23. Grantsburg Community Education, \$650**  
*to offer free pickle ball to promote community health and wellness*
- 24. Amery Lien Elementary School Special Education Program, \$600**  
*to purchase tablets for students to chart their behavior*

Two applications will be held for consideration next quarter:

- 1. Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity, \$2,000**  
*to purchase supplies and equipment to build homes for local families, submitted too early*
- 2. Lamar Community Center, to reduce tuition for youth art program this summer, submitted too early**

One application will returned with a request for additional information about the organization:

- 1. Philadelphia Community Farm, \$1,000**  
*to provide meaningful work for seniors and people with disabilities*

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Clarice Johnson 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 Herschl Brown and seconded by Merle Bergren to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, JUNE 28, 2017, 1:30 p.m., Siren.

(NOTE: DATE MOVED ONE WEEK EARLIER than original July 5 meeting date.)