

# **Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, January 6, 2016**

*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, January 6, 2016, 1:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.*

**Present:** Merle Bergren, JoAnn Kipping, Gary Ganje, Clarice Johnson, Elvira Schmidt and Joan O'Fallon (facilitator).

**Absent:** Ed Peterson, Mabel Jenssen, Alma Karels, Kris McCormack.

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Gary Ganje called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The board welcomed new director, Elvira Schmidt, representing district 6.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a motion made by Merle Bergren and seconded by Clarice Johnson.

## READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

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

## APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

A motion was made by Clarice Johnson and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to approve the October 7, 2015, meeting minutes. Motion carried. Joan O'Fallon will post minutes on the website.

## APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Merle Bergren and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve the treasurer's report. The year-to-date total through November 2015 is \$76,086.42. Year-to-date disbursements totaled \$57,884, plus \$826.85 for mileage reimbursement. As of December 2015, Operation Round-Up had a balance of \$17,375.57.

## MEETING FACILITATORS REPORT

Joan O'Fallon distributed thank-you notes and publications from grant recipients.

## MOTION TO APPROVE/DENY GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by JoAnn Kipping and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve \$16,050 in grant funding for 18 organizations listed below.

### **1. Amery Women's Club, \$750**

*to present Women in History Month program*

### **2. Webster School District, \$1,000**

*to supply weekly food backpacks for students at Webster Schools*

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

*to purchase a new computer for squad car*

### **4. Amery Area Food Pantry, \$1,000**

*to purchase food and household supplies for local families in need*

### **5. United Pioneer Home Auxiliary, \$1,000**

*to purchase two vital signs monitors*

### **6. Friends of the Frederic Public Library, \$1,000**

- to offer programming that promotes the library and literacy for the library's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary*
- 7. Options for Women Tri-County, \$750**  
*to improve waiting area*
  - 8. Polk County Emergency Management, \$750**  
*to recruit volunteers who can help with disaster response and recovery*
  - 9. Domestic Animal Wellness Center & Wildlife Rescue, \$1,000**  
*to purchase bulk medicines that can be offered at low cost or no cost*
  - 10. Family Pathways, St. Croix Falls and Frederic Food Shelves, \$2,000**  
*to purchase food and household supplies for local families in need, \$1,000 for each community*
  - 11. Milltown Public Library, \$750**  
*to support summer reading program for youth*
  - 12. STAR Education Foundation, \$1,000**  
*to supply weekly food backpacks for students at St. Croix Falls Schools*
  - 13. Siren Girls Basketball, \$450**  
*to help pay for uniforms, equipment and officials*
  - 14. Siren Basketball Association, \$500**  
*to help pay for uniforms for students in grades 3-8*
  - 15. Burnett County Tourism Coalition, \$800**  
*to help maintain tourism website*
  - 16. Osceola Rivertown Trails Coalition, \$1,000**  
*to build a trailhead for local trail system and encourage use of trails to promote healthy lifestyles and attract visitors*
  - 17. Frederic Community Education, \$300**  
*to host Prairie Fire Children's Theatre*
  - 18. Home and Away Ministries Center, \$1,000**  
*to purchase medical equipment and supplies for Luck facility*

#### MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Merle Bergren 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 JoAnn Kipping and seconded by Clarice Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, April 6, 2016, 1:30 p.m., Centuria.