

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, January 3, 2018

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 3, 2018, 1:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.

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

Absent: Elvira Schmidt, Herschel Brown, Kris McCormack.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Gary Ganje called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a motion made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Clarice Johnson.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Ed Peterson read the mission statement to guide the board's consideration of grant requests.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

A motion was made by Alma Karels and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to approve the October 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 Merle Bergren and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve the treasurer's report. The year-to-date total through December 2017 is \$78,962.91. Year-to-date disbursements totaled \$61,214, plus \$845.84 for mileage reimbursement. As of December 2017, Operation Round-Up had a balance of \$16,903.07.

MEETING FACILITATORS REPORT

Joan O'Fallon distributed thank-you notes, newspaper clips and as a summary of 2017 grant winners.

MOTION TO APPROVE/DENY GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Alma Karels to approve \$9,500 in grant funding for 12 organizations listed below.

1. Burnett County Historical Society, \$1,000

to provide interpretive guides at Forts Folle Avoine

2. Sterling, Eureka and Laketown Historical Society, \$1,000

to improve handicap access to museum/community center in Cushing

3. Washburn County, \$500

to purchase a camper and convert it into an incident command post

4. Polk County Historical Society, \$450

to support the summer Pioneer School Program for children

5. Clear Lake Public Library, \$1,000

to purchase 100 large print books

6. Polk-Burnett Retired Educators Association, \$500

to purchase a book for every early childhood student in a Polk and Burnett county school

7. Luck School Cafe, \$300

to open a learning lab that is a coffee shop operated by special education students

8. School District of Webster, \$1,500

to support the food backpack program for children

9. Grantsburg Youth Hockey Association, \$500

to help update and expand hockey arena

10. Softec Education, \$1,000

to build a website for new workforce education program

11. St. Croix Falls High School Student Council, \$750

to help with travel expenses for students to attend the state conference in Green Bay

12. Burnett County Tourism Coalition, \$1,000

to support membership in Wisconsin Indian Head Country for Vacation Guide and shows

The following grant request was denied:

Frederic Elementary School, \$1,000, *to help support the Winter Olympics theme unit and a snow tubing field trip, submitted too early*

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Clarice Johnson and seconded by Alma Karels 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 JoAnn Kipping to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 1:30 p.m., Centuria.