

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc. was held at Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperation, 7298 State Road 70, Siren, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, 1:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.

Present: Merle Bergren, JoAnn Kipping, Gary Ganje, Clarice Johnson, Ed Peterson, Alma Karels, Elvira Schmidt, Herschel 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 JoAnne Kipping and seconded by Clarice Johnson.

INTRODUCE/WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING DIRECTORS

Gary Ganje, president, reported that terms expired in June 2016 for Clarice Johnson, District 1; Mabel Jenssen, District 5; and Alma Karels, District 9. Clarice Johnson and Alma Karels were reappointed. Mabel Jenssen resigned and Herschel Brown was appointed by the Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative Board for District 5.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Ed Peterson nominated Gary Ganje for president. Alma moved to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Ed Peterson and approved unanimously.

Merle Bergren nominated Ed Peterson for vice president and Alma Karels for secretary/treasurer. Both were unanimously approved.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

A motion was made by Clarice Johnson and seconded by Alma Karels to approve the April 6, 2016, 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 Ed Peterson to approve the treasurer's report. The year-to-date total through June 2016 is \$45,064.19. Year-to-date disbursements totaled \$29,807, plus \$328.20 for mileage reimbursement. Alma Karels reported that the ending balance is \$14,928.99.

MEETING FACILILATOR'S REPORT

Joan O'Fallon distributed thank-you notes and publications from grant recipients. She also shared the 2017 board meeting schedule and the 2015 Polk-Burnett Charities/Operation Round-Up Annual Report that was shared with the co-op board at its June 27 meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE/DENY GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by Merle Bergren and seconded by Ed Peterson to approve \$12,440 in grant funding for 21 organizations listed below.

- 1. Osceola School District, School Counseling Family Challenge Program, \$250**
to sponsor family-time program
- 2. Turtle Lake School District K-12 Art Department, \$500**
to purchase supplies for K-12 ceramics program
- 3. Balsam Lake Water Ski Show Team, \$250**
to purchase equipment and first aid kit
- 4. Polk County Historical Society, \$550**
to purchase solar window shades for archive and reference room
- 5. Moms and Dads Against Meth, \$1,000**
to help fund safe, sober residences for women in Polk and Burnett counties
- 6. Farm, Feral & Stray, \$250**
to spay, neuter and give rabies vaccinations to stray cats in Polk and Burnett counties
- 7. Amery Area Senior Center, \$1,000**
to offer support groups for people affected by Alzheimer's, anxiety/depression and cancer
- 8. Lake Country Pedalers Bicycle Club, \$890**
to purchase picnic tables for Kiezer Lake bike and camping area
- 9. Friends of Polk County Information Center, \$500**
to purchase fencing for new Polk County Dog Park
- 10. St. Croix United Futbol (Soccer) Club, \$500**
to help purchase a portable scoreboard for Unity-St. Croix Falls soccer
- 11. Grantsburg Village Improvement Program, \$500**
to help fund an electronic sign for the Grantsburg community
- 12. Burnett County Family Resource Center, \$500**
to support the Fun and Fit Families program
- 13. Siren Chamber of Commerce, \$500**
to help fund reprint of Siren brochure and tour maps
- 14. Kinship of Polk County, \$1,000**
to support mentoring program at all eight Polk County school districts next school year
- 15. Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity, \$1,000**
to support new home construction and renovation for local families who cannot obtain traditional home financing
- 16. Franconia Sculpture Park, \$250**
to offer free programs and transportation for kids in Polk and Burnett counties
- 17. Clear Lake Junior/Senior High School, \$1,000**
to help sponsor suicide prevention program
- 18. Quarter Moon Acres Equine Therapy Center, \$1,000**
to support general operations, including rides for clients, training and safety equipment
- 19. Lamar Community Center, \$500**
to provide summer art programs for youth
- 20. Wannigan Days Celebration, \$250**
to support community entertainment and education
- 21. Amery Swedish Club, \$250**
to present 6th Midsummer celebration and keep Scandinavian traditions alive

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Alma Karels 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 Elvira Schmidt and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 1:30 p.m., Centuria.