

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, June 28, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc. was held at Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative, 7298 State Road 70, Webster, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, June 28, 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 1:35 p.m.

BOARD RENEWALS

Term renewals were approved by the Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative board at its June 26 regular board meeting for Gary Ganje, district 3; Merle Bergren, district 4; and JoAnn Kipping, district 7.

BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS

A motion was made by Ed Peterson to nominate Gary Ganje for president. Alma Karels moved to close the nomination and Clarice Johnson seconded. Nomination approved.

A motion was made by Merle Bergren to nominate Ed Peterson for vice president. The nomination was closed and the motion was approved.

A motion was made by JoAnn Kipping to nominate Alma Karels for secretary-treasurer. The nomination was closed and the motion was approved.

Officers are Gary Ganje, president; Ed Peterson, vice president and Alma Karels, secretary-treasurer.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a motion made by Herschl Brown and seconded by Merle Bergren.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to approve the April 5, 2017, meeting minutes. Motion carried. Joan O'Fallon will post minutes on the website.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made JoAnn Kipping and seconded by Elvira Schmidt to approve the treasurer's report. The year-to-date total through May 2017 is \$48,939.72. Year-to-date disbursements totaled \$29,354, plus \$485.78 for mileage reimbursement. The ending balance is \$19,099.94.

MEETING FACILILATOR'S REPORT

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

MOTION TO APPROVE/DENY GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by Alma Karels and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve \$16,000 in grant funding for 28 organizations listed below.

- 1. Lamar Community Center, \$500**
to help fund youth art programs
- 2. Dresser-Osceola-Garfield Fire Association, \$1,000**
to help purchase gear washers that remove hazardous materials from firefighters' clothing
- 3. Balsam Lake Water Ski Show Team, \$250**
to help purchase equipment trailer
- 4. Osceola Girl Scouts, \$250**
to build a butterfly garden at the 10th Avenue Triangle
- 5. Osceola Elementary School Counseling Department, \$250**
to purchase alternative seating options for students
- 6. Burnett County Family Resource Center, \$500**
to host Fun and Fit Families event again this summer
- 7. Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity, \$1,000**
to purchase supplies, tools and equipment to build and repair Habitat homes
- 8. Restorative Justice of Northwest Wisconsin, \$1,000**
to support current restorative justice program and school programs in Burnett and Polk counties
- 9. Northwest Passage, \$1,000**
to provide welcome baskets for kids as they enter residential program
- 10. St. Croix Valley Senior Center, \$250**
to repair building's exterior and replace patio, chairs and handrail
- 11. Grantsburg Music Festival Society, \$500**
to help fund Music in the Park at Memory Lake this summer
- 12. Moms and Dads Against Meth, \$1,000**
to help cover expenses at Butterfly House, a safe and sober residence for women
- 13. Kinship of Polk County, \$1,000**
to pair at-risk youth with adult mentors
- 14. Osceola Historical Society, \$250**
to celebrate buildings and businesses that are 100 years old this year
- 15. Amery Area Community-Senior Center, \$500**
to replace center's copier machine
- 16. Clear Lake Schools, \$1,000**
to support Suicide Prevention Week activities September 5-11
- 17. Indianhead Community Action Agency, \$1,000**
to purchase books for Early Head Start, Child Care Partnerships.
- 18. St. Croix Falls Public Library, \$500**
to support summer learning program for children and teens
- 19. Grow Osceola, \$250**
to create a demonstration planting of bird friendly habitat
- 20. Association Retreat Center (The ARC), \$250**
to update athletic equipment and clean up weeds along trail
- 21. Osceola FFA, \$250**
to support ag tent, and build corn maze and pedal tractor course at Polk County Fair
- 22. Polk County Tractor Safety Course for Youth, \$500**
to purchase materials, rent tractors and cover other expenses
- 23. Burnett County Emergency Management, \$500**
to purchase food and water storage totes for families to use in emergencies
- 24. Friends of Milltown Public Library, \$500**
to purchase chairs for library
- 25. Coordinated Community Response (CCR), \$250**
to purchase food for National Night Out community picnic at Crooked Lake Park in Siren

26. Quarter Moon Acres, \$1,000

to support therapeutic horse riding program

27. Wannigan Days, \$250

to support St. Croix Falls summer celebration

28. St. Croix Falls Community Garden, \$500

to purchase tiller and lawn mower for community garden

Two applications will be held for consideration next quarter:

1. Northwoods Flyers EAA Chapter 1537, \$1,000, to support the Gandy Dancer Fly-In/Drive-In event July 22, submitted too early

2. Trinity Veterans Center, \$1,000, to assist with start-up costs for program serving vets and families in Polk and Burnett counties, board requested additional information about program

One application was denied:

1. Northwest Alliance Community Foundation, \$1,000, to support Nurturing Your Nonprofit workshops

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by JoAnn Kipping 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 Ed Peterson and seconded by Merle Bergren to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 1:30 p.m., Centuria