

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, October 2, 2014

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 Thursday, October 2, 2014, 6 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.

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

Absent: Kris McCormack

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Gary called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a motion made by JoAnn Kipping and seconded by Clarice Johnson.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Merle Bergren to approve the June 26, 2014, 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, including year-to-date donations through August 2014, is \$53,191.05. Year-to-date disbursements were \$37,900 for grant awards, \$90 for miscellaneous and \$627.90 for mileage reimbursement. As of October 2014, Operation Round-Up had a balance of \$14,573.15.

MEETING FACILITATORS REPORT

Joan 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 Merle Bergren to approve \$7,245 in grant funding for 10 organizations listed below.

1. Centuria Police Department, \$620

to help cover expenses from summer Bike Safety program

2. Larsen Family Public Library, \$1,000

to purchase new books

3. Restorative Justice of Northwest Wisconsin, \$1,000

to continue to offer restorative justice program in Polk and Burnett counties

4. Partners of Osceola Medical Center, \$975

to purchase energy-efficient LED lights and live evergreens for annual Love Light event

5. Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County, \$1,000

to recruit, screen and train volunteers who help seniors and adults with disabilities maintain independence

6. Grantsburg High School Football, \$500

to purchase a video camera for training

7. Luck Community Education, \$300

to host a Prairie Fire Theatre performance for Luck students in grades 1-12

8. Siren Volleyball, \$500

to purchase uniform shirts for 7th-grade team

9. Siren Boys Basketball, \$500

to purchase equipment and uniforms for K-12 athletes

10. Domestic Animal Wellness Center & Wildlife Rescue, \$850

to purchase durable surgery equipment

The following grant application was put on hold because it was submitted too early:

Amery Area Food Pantry, \$1,500, to purchase food for distribution to families

The following grant application was denied because nonprofit status was unclear:

Burnett County Tourism Coalition, \$630, to create a tourism website for Burnett County

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Clarice Johnson and seconded by Mabel Jenssen 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 Ed Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 8, 2015, 6 p.m., Centuria.