

# **Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round Up®**

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, October 4, 2017**

*A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc. was held at Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative, 1001 State Road 35, Centuria, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 1:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.*

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

Absent: Alma Karels, Elvira Schmidt, Herschl Brown.

### 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 Kris McCormack and seconded by Clarice Johnson.

### READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

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

### APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to approve the June 28, 2017, meeting minutes. Motion carried. Joan O'Fallon will post minutes on the website.

### APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made Clarice Johnson and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to approve the treasurer's report. The year-to-date total is \$63,914.48. Year-to-date disbursements totaled \$45,364, plus \$690.69 for mileage reimbursement. The ending balance is \$17,859.79.

### MEETING FACILILATOR'S REPORT

Joan O'Fallon distributed thank-you notes and publications from grant recipients, as well as the 2018 meeting calendar.

### MOTION TO APPROVE/DENY GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by JoAnn Kipping and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve \$15,850 in grant funding for 23 organizations listed below.

- 1. Trinity Veterans Center, \$500, to help new program serving vets and families in Polk and Burnett counties**
- 2. Northwoods Flyers EAA Chapter 1537, \$500, to support the Gandy Dancer Fly-In/Young Eagles program**
- 3. Luck Area Historical Society, \$750, to purchase equipment to show community movies**
- 4. Luck Senior Center, \$500, to replace countertops**
- 5. Burnett Area Arts Group, \$500, to help with art shows that promote the arts and artists in our area**
- 6. Clear Lake EMS, \$900, to purchase equipment bags for emergency responders**
- 7. Dream Center/WPCA Radio, \$500, to purchase microphones, control board and computer**
- 8. Clear Lake Historical Museum, \$500, to purchase laptop, printer and museum software**
- 9. Salvation Army, Serenity Home, \$1,000, to provide temporary shelter for homeless individuals and families**

- 10. Salvation Army, Faith House, \$1,000, to provide food backpacks for kids in Siren, Grantsburg and Webster**
- 11. Friends of Amery Area Public Library Foundation, \$500, to digitize newspapers for online viewing and preservation**
- 12. Farm Table Foundation, \$500, to purchase signage for demonstration gardens**
- 13. Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County, \$1,000, to help seniors and adults with disabilities live independently**
- 14. Friends of Polk County Information Center, Friends of Rosemarie Park, \$500, to help with dog park fencing, prairie flowers, bee boxes and bird houses**
- 15. Town of Lorain Fire Department, \$900, to purchase safety vests and glasses**
- 16. Upper St. Croix Valley League of Women Voters, \$500, to purchase computer equipment for voter education and registration**
- 17. Siren Chamber of Commerce, \$250 to help fund flower baskets on Main Street and create promotional videos**
- 18. Balsam Lake Fire Department, \$1,000, to purchase 6x6 vehicle for rescues and firefighting**
- 19. STAR Education Foundation Backpack Program, \$1,000, to provide food backpacks for students in St. Croix Falls**
- 20. Polk County Department of Children and Families, \$500, to purchase gas cards to help families with travel expenses to appointments and counseling**
- 21. Luck Community Education, \$300, to support Prairie Fire Theatre production of Tom Sawyer**
- 22. Osceola School District PE Department, \$250 to build disc golf course**
- 23. Family Pathways, Frederic and St. Croix Falls, \$2,000, to purchase food for food shelves in Frederic and St. Croix Falls, \$1,000 each**

#### MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

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

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, January 3, 2018, 1:30 p.m., Centuria