

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, April 10, 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, April 10, 2014, 6 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.
Rescheduled from April 3 because of bad weather.*

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

Absent: Ed Peterson.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Gary called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a motion made by Alma Karels and seconded by Mabel Jenssen.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

A motion was made by JoAnn Kipping and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve the January 2, 2014, meeting minutes. Motion carried. Joan O'Fallon will post minutes on the website.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Lida Nordquist and seconded by Merle Bergren to approve the treasurer's report. The year-to-date total, including year-to-date donations through February 2014, is \$26,629.82. Year-to-date disbursements were \$13,350 for grant awards, \$18 for miscellaneous and \$205.66 for mileage reimbursement. As of March 2014, Operation Round-Up had a balance of \$13,056.16.

ACCEPTANCE OF 2013 AUDIT AND TAX RETURN

A motion was made by Kris McCormack and seconded by Merle Bergren to accept the 2013 Internal Audit and Tax Return for Polk-Burnett Charities. Motion carried.

MEETING FACILITATORS REPORT

Joan distributed thank-you notes and publications from grant recipients. She also noted that terms expire for the following directors in June: District 3, Gary Ganje; District 4, Merle Bergen; District 7, JoAnn Kipping. Please let Joan know if interested in returning for another term; new terms run July 2014 to June 2017. Board officers will be elected at the July 2014 meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE/DENY GRANT FUNDING

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

1. Endeavors Adult Development Center, \$1,000

to purchase a storage shed for greenhouse equipment

2. Community Referral Agency, Inc., \$1,000

to help with living expenses for people at domestic violence shelter

3. Osceola School District Family Challenge Program, \$500

to provide incentives for families to turn off the TV and spend time together

4. Dresser Public Library, \$750

to support summer reading program for youth

5. St. Croix Falls Public Library, \$750

to support summer reading program for youth

6. Yellow Lake Food Distribution/GPS, \$1,000

to purchase food for monthly Second Harvest food distribution

7. Mental Health Task Force of Polk County, \$750

to purchase a laptop and monitor for training and information sessions

8. Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity, \$1,000

to support May build-a-thon of three new homes in Centuria

9. Burnett County Historical Society, up to \$750

to support second-annual Yellow River Folk Music Festival in June

10. Family Pathways, \$750

to help purchase food and equipment for food shelves in Frederic and St. Croix Falls

11. Faith Lutheran Youth & Family Ministries, \$750

to purchase supplies for a community garden, with produce donated to foodshelf

12. Balsam Lake Water Ski Show Team, Inc., \$500

to purchase equipment to teach water skiing to youth and give public performances

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

St. Croix Falls Wannigan Days, \$2,500, *to support free family event and help construct a replacement Wannigan boat*

The following grant application was denied because it was incomplete:

St. Croix Falls Spring Awakening Celebration, \$1,000, *to help start a new nature-based community event*

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Kris McCormack and seconded by Merle Bergren 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 JoAnn Kipping to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, June 26, 2014, 6 p.m., Siren