

# Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, October 3, 2013

*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 3, 6 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.*

**Present:** Merle Bergren, Gary Ganje, Mabel Jenssen, Clarice Johnson, JoAnn Kipping, Kris McCormack, Lida Nordquist, and Stacy Bergmann (facilitator).

**Absent:** Alma Karels and Ed Peterson.

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved on a motion made by Kris McCormack and seconded by Mable Jenssen.

## MEETING FACILITATORS REPORT

Stacy Bergmann distributed thank-you notes and publications from grant recipients. This quarter, 19 applications were received for board consideration.

Everyone is invited to stop by for a pulled pork lunch for Member Appreciation Open House between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday, October 4.

## APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

A motion was made by Merle Bergren and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve the June 27, 2013, meeting minutes with one correction to remove Kris McCormack from the present list. Motion carried. Joan O'Fallon will post minutes on the website.

## APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by JoAnn Kipping and seconded by Mable Jenssen to approve the treasurer's report. The beginning balance, including year-to-date donations through September 2013, is \$56,705.25. Year-to-date disbursements were \$42,050 for grant awards and \$507.94 for mileage reimbursement. As of September 2013 Operation Round-Up had a balance of \$14,093.31.

## READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Gary Ganje read the mission statement aloud.

## ORU REQUEST

The board reviewed a memorandum prepared by Joan O'Fallon from a telephone conversation Ms. O'Fallon had with Tom Hallberg. Mr. Hallberg has two requests of the ORU board. The first is to change the giving criteria so organizations that receive tax dollars are ineligible for grants and the second is to grant funding to cemetery associations.

After a lengthy discussion, the board decided to continue with the established guidelines for both requests. The board would like Ms. O'Fallon to respond to Mr. Hallberg with a letter.

### ATHLETIC GRANT REQUESTS

A motion was made by Merle Begren to limit athletic grants to \$500. JoAnn Kipping seconded. After further discussion, Kris McCormack made a motion and JoAnn Kipping seconded, to amend the motion to add a limit of \$250 for athletic requests for non-essential items. The amendment carried.

The motion with amendment carried to limit athletic grant requests to \$500; however athletic grant requests for non-essential items are limited to \$250.

### MOTION TO APPROVE/DENY GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by Kris McCormack and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve \$13,250 in grant funding for the following 18 organizations:

- 1. Webster Police Department, \$800**  
*to purchase 200 bike helmets for August bike rodeo*
- 2. Frederic Senior Center, \$800**  
*to purchase new stove and sink for senior meal service*
- 3. Interfaith Caregivers of Burnett County, \$800**  
*to serve seniors and families in need and meet high demand for Heat a Home program*
- 4. Burnett County Home and Community Education, \$800**  
*to purchase books for children in Burnett County*
- 5. Wild River Fitness Center, Osceola Medical Center, \$800**  
*to install a pave trail with exercise states, free for the public*
- 6. Worn Again, Inc., \$800**  
*to help replace building's roof*
- 7. Grantsburg School District Community Education, \$800**  
*to conduct a local children's theatre production*
- 8. Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County, \$800**  
*to help seniors and adults with disability maintain independence at home*
- 9. Polk County Human Services, Independent Living Skills, \$800**  
*to help youth who have been removed from their home become self-sufficient*
- 10. Webster School Forest, \$500**  
*to purchase materials and build raised bed gardens and a fence*
- 11. Friends of Burnett Community Library, \$800**  
*to purchase early literacy materials, including children's books and parenting books*
- 12. Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution Outreach, Home & Away Ministries, \$800**  
*to purchase kitchen supplies and help develop a community kitchen in Luck*
- 13. Lien Elementary School, Elementary Music, \$800**  
*to purchase quality musical instruments for elementary students*
- 14. Amery Women's Club \$800**  
*to provide recycling bins in Amery parks and provide recycling education*
- 15. Frederic Public Library, \$800**  
*to help fund 1,000 Books before Kindergarten project*
- 16. Siren Boys Basketball, \$250**  
*to help purchase equipment and uniforms for high school boys team*
- 17. Siren "Little Dribblers" Youth Basketball, \$500**  
*to help purchase equipment and uniforms for youth boys and girls teams*
- 18. Luck Community Education, \$800**  
*to support Prairie Fire Theater production of Pinocchio for local students in grades K-12*

The following grant applications were denied:

**Polk County Home & Community Education, \$2,300**  
*to purchase books for HeadStart children in Polk County*  
Not eligible until January 2014.

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 JoAnn Kipping to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, January 2, 2014, 6 p.m., Centuria