

# **Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, April 5, 2023**

*A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc.  
was held Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 1:30 p.m.,  
at Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative, 1001 State Road 35, Centuria, Wisconsin.*

Present: Gary Ganje, Gretchen Sampson, Elvira Schmidt, Ed Peterson, Herschel Brown, Alma Karels, Marlyn Bottolfson, Clarice Johnson and Joan O'Fallon (facilitator).

Absent: JoAnn Kipping

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ed Peterson, president, called the meeting to order at 1:27 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Alma Karels and seconded by Gary Ganje to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Herschel Brown and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve the January 2023 meeting minutes. Motion approved. Joan O'Fallon will post minutes on the website.

## APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion made by Clarice Johnson and seconded by Gretchen Sampson to approve the treasurer's report, presented by Alma Karels, secretary/treasurer. Funds through March 2023 totaled \$55,565.40. Disbursements totaled \$9,000, plus \$241.04 for board mileage reimbursement. The ending balance was \$46,324.36. Motion approved.

## MEETING FACILITATOR'S REPORT

Joan O'Fallon shared thank-you notes from grant recipients and newspaper clips of check presentations from the past quarter.

## READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Herschel Brown read the mission statement to guide the board's consideration of grant requests.

## MOTION TO APPROVE GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by Gary Ganje and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve \$31,750 in grant funding for 28 nonprofit organizations below.

- 1. Osceola Wheels & Wings, \$250, traffic and safety signage**
- 2. Milltown Public Library, \$1,000, mural of historic Main Street for community room**
- 3. Luck Senior Center, \$1,000, exterior paint**
- 4. Caring Hearts Thiftshop, Webster \$2,000, distribution of food, household items and coats**
- 5. Burnett County Family Resource Center, \$1,000, community vegetable garden**
- 6. S.P.A.R.K. \$1,000, storage shed for school supplies and clothing for Frederic area children**
- 7. Frederic Elementary School, \$1,000, schoolwide learning unit on space, with mobile planetarium and meteorologist guest speaker**
- 8. Webster Health Center (St. Croix Health), \$1,000, Steady As You Go exercise classes for older adults**
- 9. Lorain Fire Dept, \$1,500, hand tools, flashlights and radio holders for trucks**

- 10. Quarter Moon Acres Equine Therapy, \$1,500, education and training for riding instructor certification, timer for Open Fun Horse Show**
- 11. Gaylord Nelson Ed Center, Clear Lake Elementary, \$1,500, books for all students for One Book, One School program**
- 12. Domestic Animal Wellness Center & Wildlife Rescue, \$1,000, vet equipment**
- 13. Friends of Frederic Library, \$1,000, summer reading program for youth**
- 14. Friends of Larsen Family Public Library, Webster, \$1,000, book giveaway program for children**
- 15. Luck Area Historical Society, \$1,000, projector and screen**
- 16. Salvation Army, Polk County, \$1,500, food backpacks for school children in Amery, Clear Lake, Clayton, Turtle Lake, Unity and Polk County Head Start**
- 17. Salvation Army, Burnett County, \$1,500, food backpacks for Siren school students**
- 18. Humane Society of Burnett County, \$950, no-cost microchipping for pets**
- 19. Dream Center, WPCA Radio-Amery, \$1,000, cassette recorder players and stereo cart machines**
- 20. Frederic Arts, \$1,000, artist lecture series for public**
- 21. Burnett County Fresh and Healthy, \$2,000, coupons to purchase healthy foods at local farmers markets**
- 22. Gift of Warm Clothing, \$2,000, coats, boots and winter clothing for local families**
- 23. Frederic Community Education, \$1,000, CPR training**
- 24. Polk County Dept. of Children and Families, \$1,000, gas cards to help Polk County families with transportation to appointments**
- 25. Luck Public Library, \$800, yoga classes**
- 26. Northwoods Homeless Shelter, \$1,000, supplies and furnishings for shelter**
- 27. Geraldine E. Anderson Village Library, Dresser, \$1,000, large-print books**
- 28. Fish Lake Property Owners Association, \$250, pressure-washer to decontaminate watercraft**

#### MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Herschel Brown and seconded by Alma Karels to approve mileage reimbursement to board members who submitted expense forms.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Ed Peterson adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 1:30 p.m., Siren