

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, April 7, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc. was held by telephone on Polk-Burnett's conference line, 715-646-3362, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, 1:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.

Present: Merle Bergren, JoAnn Kipping, Gary Ganje, Elvira Schmidt, Ed Peterson, Herschel Brown, Clarice Johnson, Alma Karels and Joan O'Fallon (facilitator).

Absent: Kris McCormack.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Gary Ganje, president, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by JoAnn Kipping and seconded by Alma Karels to approve the agenda. No objections, motion approved.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Herschel Brown and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to approve the January meeting minutes. No objections, motion approved. Joan O'Fallon will post January minutes on the website.

APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Alma Karels, secretary/treasurer presented the quarterly treasurer's report, as provided by Polk-Burnett's accounting department. Total funds available year-to-date through March 2021 is 56,929.56. Year-to-date disbursements totaled \$28,605. The ending balance is \$28,324.56. A motion was made by Clarice Johnson and seconded by Ed Peterson to approve the treasurer's report. No objections, motion approved.

MEETING FACILILATOR'S REPORT

Joan O'Fallon stated that she will share thank-you notes from grant recipients, as well as feedback about a grant to the League of Women Voters, at the next in-person meeting. O'Fallon also reported that the board will be asked to review and update policies at a future meeting.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

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

MOTION TO APPROVE GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by JoAnn Kipping and seconded by Merle Bergren to approve \$16,470 in grant funding for 16 organizations listed below.

- 1. Siren Police Department, \$1,000, grill guard and accessories for squad car**
- 2. Fishbowl Sportsmen's Club, \$970, van rental for Boy Scout camping trip**
- 3. Restorative Justice of NW Wisconsin, \$1,000, restorative justice program and education**
- 4. Quarter Moon Acres Equine Therapy, \$1,000, indoor facility**
- 5. Polk County Historical Society, \$1,000, shelving and storage for documents, maps, photos**
- 6. Burnett County Sheriff's Depart., \$1,000, advanced evidence photography class for law enforcers**
- 7. Burnett County Lakes and Rivers Assoc., \$1,000, ice packs with message about invasive species**
- 8. Amery Area Food Pantry, \$2,000, food, personal care and household items for local families**

9. Luck FFA, \$500, yard signs with ag facts
10. Farm Table Foundation, \$1,000, equipment and supplies to prevent spread of COVID-19
11. Luck School District, \$1,000, new, energy-efficient refrigerator for Family and Consumer Science
12. Osceola Medical Center, \$1,000, Reach Out and Read books for preschool children
13. Gift of Warm Clothing, \$1,500, coats, boots, snow pants, hats and mitten for local families
14. American Youth Soccer Organization, St. Croix Falls, \$500, field rental and new goals
15. Webster School District, FACE, \$1,000, three kitchen faucets and Silhouette cutting machine
16. Village of Siren, \$1,000, sprinkler system and water reel for Siren Ballpark and football field

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

No mileage reimbursement submitted this quarter, as meeting was held by telephone conference call.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Clarice Johnson and seconded by Herschel Brown to adjourn the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 7, 2021, 1:30 p.m., SIREN