

# **Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2020**

*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, January 8, 1:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.*

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

Absent: Gary Ganje.

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ed Peterson, vice president, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF LAST QUARTER MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Herschel Brown and seconded by Alma Karels to approve the October 3, 2019, meeting minutes. Motion carried. Joan O'Fallon will post minutes on the website.

## APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to approve the treasurer's report. Year-to-date total through December 2019 was \$91,560.49. Year-to-date disbursements totaled 65,939.84, plus \$757.48 for mileage reimbursement. The ending balance is \$24,863.17.

## MEETING FACILILATOR'S REPORT

Joan O'Fallon distributed thank-you notes and publications from grant recipients. She also distributed the 2020 meeting calendar and an updated board roster.

## MOTION TO APPROVE/DENY GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by Alma Karels and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to approve \$16,705 in grant funding for 19 organizations below.

- 1. Workforce Resource, \$600, resource kits for youth**
- 2. Amery High School, \$1,000, college visits for juniors**
- 3. St. Croix Falls School District, \$1,000, blazers for students in SkillsUSA Club**
- 4. St. Croix Falls Historical Society, \$900, handicap ramp for Little Red Schoolhouse, Polk County Fairgrounds**
- 5. Restorative Justice of Northwest Wisconsin, \$1,000, program for local victims and offenders**
- 6. Clear Lake Public Library, \$1,000, 100 large-print books**
- 7. Interfaith Caregivers of Burnett County, \$1,500, firewood for seniors and people with disabilities**
- 8. Turtle Lake FFA, \$400, aquaponics indoor garden system and fish tanks**
- 9. Friends of Amery Public Library, \$500, adult programs**
- 10. Friends of Larson Family Library-Webster, \$1,000, early childhood book program**
- 11. Healthy Burnett, \$305, website**
- 12. Grow SCV, \$500, family game nights**
- 13. Ruby's Food Shelf, \$1,500, food for people in Siren and Webster areas**
- 14. Softec, \$1,000, career exploration for Webster students**
- 15. Burnett County Fresh & Healthy, \$1,000, helping people select and prepare healthy foods**
- 16. Polk County Historical Society, \$1,000, WWII and military exhibits**
- 17. Ruby's Medical Clinic, \$1,000, new light fixtures for clinic in Luck**

**18. Rowdy Red Hat Mamas of NW Wisconsin, \$500, crisis care kits for women**

**19. Osceola Area Chamber & Main Street, \$1,000, LED tree lights for Luminare Downtown**

**The following grant was denied: Ms. Vicki's Water Therapy Unit, \$1,500, water therapy unit for Kapes assisted living in Siren.** Nonprofit status is unclear and ORU does not generally approve fundraisers, rather it prefers to award grants directly to nonprofit. Also, there is confusion about multiple names and nonprofit status of organizations on application: Miss Vicki's Fundraiser, Kapes Lakeside Assisted Living in Siren and Siren Covenant Church. Joan will invite organization to reapply with clarification of roles and nonprofit status.

#### MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Clarice Johnson and seconded by Herschel Brown 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 JoAnn Kipping and seconded by Hershel Brown to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 1:30 p.m., Centuria