

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, January 6, 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, January 6, 2021, 1:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.

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

Absent: Clarice Johnson and Alma Karels.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Gary Ganje, president, called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, JUNE MEETING MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion made by Kris McCormack to approve all three items. No objections, motion approved.

Joan O'Fallon will post June minutes on the website. (No October minutes. October 2020 meeting was canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.)

The year-to-date treasurer's report total through December 2020 is \$92,073.47. Year-to-date disbursements totaled \$51,522.00, plus \$461.73 for board mileage reimbursement. The ending balance is \$40,089.74. (This is higher than normal because fall grants were postponed due to COVID-19.)

MEETING FACILILATOR'S REPORT

None. Joan O'Fallon will share thank-you notes from grant recipients, as well as feedback about grant to League of Women Voters, at the next in-person 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 Ed Peterson and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to approve \$28,605 in grant funding for 28 organizations listed below.

Fall 2020 Grants (No October meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic)

- 1. Siren-Webster Rotary Club, \$1,000, AEDs for Burnett County Sheriff's Dept.**
- 2. Sterling, Eureka and Laketown Historical Society, \$1,000, LED lighting at Cushing Community Center**
- 3. Burnett County Development Association, \$1,000, Jordan Buck statue in Danbury**
- 4. Caring Hearts Thrift Shop & Food Shelf, Webster, \$1,500, operating expenses**
- 5. Polk County Department of Children & Families, \$1,000, gas cards for families**
- 6. Philadelphia Community Farm, \$1,000, youth education programs**
- 7. WPCA Radio, \$1,000, studio equipment and repairs**
- 8. STAR Education Foundation, \$1,500, food backpack program for St. Croix Falls students**
- 9. Golden Age Manor, \$1,000, bedspreads for resident rooms**
- 10. Webster Senior Citizens, \$1,000, air conditioner for center**
- 11. Literacy Matters Foundation, \$1,000, K-3 literacy program at Unity School**
- 12. Osceola Main Street, \$1,000, new banners to promote local business and community**
- 13. Clear Lake Community Center, \$1,000, shelves for Old School Thrift Shop**

14. Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County, \$1,500, recruit, screen, match and retain volunteers

Winter 2021 Grants

15. Grow SCV, \$1,000, splash pad

16. Luck Tech Ed, \$655, replace wooden lathe and jigsaws

17. St. Croix Falls Autumn Festival, \$250, community event

18. Salvation Army, Polk County, \$1,500, food backpack program for Polk County schools

19. Salvation Army, Burnett County, \$1,500, food backpack program for Burnett County schools

20. St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity, \$1,000, online financial education for homeowners

21. Unity School District, \$1,000, pre-K through 12 social emotional learning activities

22. Endeavors Adult Development, \$1,000, operating expenses

23. Polk County Information Center, \$1,000, new website

24. Clayton Parks & Recreation, \$1,000, playground equipment, landscaping and lake improvements

25. Clear Lake Public Library, \$1,000, large print books

26. Family Resource Center of St. Croix Valley, \$1,000, help for families in program

27. Polk County Home & Community Education, \$1,000, books for kids in Head Start

28. Frederic Community Education, \$200, technology to offer online learning

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Elvira Schmidt and seconded by Kris McCormack to adjourn the meeting at 2 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 7, 2021, 1:30 p.m., Centuria