

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up®

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, January 4, 2017

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 4, 2017, 1:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.

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

Absent: Kris McCormack.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Gary Ganje called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a motion made by Alma Karels and seconded by JoAnn Kipping.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Ed Peterson read the mission statement to guide the board's consideration of grant requests.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to approve the October 5, 2016, meeting minutes. Motion carried. Joan O'Fallon will post minutes on the website.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Herschel Brown and seconded by Merle Bergren to approve the treasurer's report. The year-to-date total through November 2016 is \$74,174.17. Year-to-date disbursements totaled \$52,707, plus \$715.38 for mileage reimbursement. As of December 2016, Operation Round-Up had a balance of \$20,751.79.

MEETING FACILITATORS REPORT

Joan O'Fallon distributed thank-you notes and publications from grant recipients.

MOTION TO APPROVE/DENY GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by Alma Karels and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve \$9,500 in grant funding for 12 organizations listed below. A motion was also made by Herschel Brown and seconded by Merle Bergren to cap grants for post prom-type events at \$250, effective today. This motion was approved and will be added to the giving practices guide.

1. Siren HS AODA Club, \$250

to fund post-prom activities, as an alternative to prom parties with alcohol

2. School District of Webster, \$1,000

to send food backpacks home with students each week

3. Interfaith Caregivers of Burnett County, \$1,000

to help seniors and families in need, especially with funding for home heating

4. Luck High School, \$1,000

to purchase a defibrillator for the school

5. Amery Woman's Club, \$1,000

to purchase Dr. Seuss books for 2nd graders

6. Clear Lake Public Library, \$1,000

to purchase 100 large print books

7. Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Northwest Wisconsin, \$1,000

to purchase digital tablets and offer computer training for older adults

8. Girl Scout Troop #54234, \$1,000

to assemble personal care baskets for women at local domestic abuse shelter

9. Luck School Crisis/ALICE Committee, \$650

to purchase locks for classroom doors and help protect students from school shootings

10. Burnett County Tourism Coalition, \$850

to support marketing efforts that grow tourism in Burnett County

11. Siren Girls Basketball, \$250

to purchase t-shirts for athletes in grades 2-12

12. Siren Youth Basketball, \$500

to purchase new basketballs

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Clarice Johnson and seconded by JoAnn Kipping 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 Clarice Johnson and seconded by Alma Karels to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 1:30 p.m., Centuria.