

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, July 1, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc. was held at Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperation, 7298 State Road 70, Siren, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, July 1, 2015, 1:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.

Present: JoAnn Kipping, Merle Bergren, Gary Ganje, Mabel Jenssen, Lida Nordquist, Clarice Johnson, Ed Peterson and Joan O'Fallon (facilitator).

Absent: Kris McCormack, Alma Karels

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 Clarice Johnson and seconded by Mabel Jenssen.

ACCEPT TERM RENEWALS

A motion was made by JoAnne Kipping and seconded by Lida Nordquist to accept term renewals for Kris McCormack, District 2; Lida Nordquist, District 6 and Ed Peterson, District 8. Motion carried. All agreed to renew their appointments for another three-year term (2015-2018) and all renewals were approved by the Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative board of directors at the co-op board meeting June 22.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

A motion was made by Lida Nordquist and seconded by Clarice Johnson to nominate Alma Karels for secretary/treasurer. A motion was made by Merle Bergren and seconded by Ed Peterson to close nominations. All approved Alma Karels for secretary/treasurer.

A motion was made by Merle Bergren to nominate Ed Peterson for vice president and close the nominations. JoAnn Kipping seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

A motion was made by Ed Peterson to nominate Gary Ganje for president and close the nominations. This was seconded by Mabel Jenssen and the motion was approved by all.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Lida Nordquist read the mission statement to guide board's consideration of grant requests.

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Merle Bergren to approve the April 1, 2015, 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 Mabel Jenssen to approve the treasurer's report. The year-to-date total, including donations through June 2015, is \$47,686.95. Year-to-date disbursements were \$29,750 for grant awards, \$405.95 for mileage reimbursement and \$54 for miscellaneous. As of July 1 2015, Operation Round-Up had a balance of \$17,477.

MEETING FACILITATORS REPORT

Joan distributed thank-you notes and publications from grant recipients. She also distributed the 2014 Operation Round-Up/Polk-Burnett Charities Annual Report, as presented to the Polk-Burnett board of directors at the co-op board meeting June 22.

MOTION TO APPROVE/DENY GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve \$16,800 in grant funding for 32 organizations listed below.

1. River's Run and Ride Rally, \$250

to install bleachers at Bering Park in Milltown

2. The Salvation Army, Burnett County, \$1,000

to send backpacks of food home with students, feeding 240 families a week

3. The Salvation Army, Polk County, \$1,000

to provide transportation assistance to individuals and families at Serenity Home

4. Osceola Police Department, \$500

to provide incentives, such as bike helmets and gift cards, for obeying public safety laws

5. Osceola FFA, \$250

to support the agriculture education tent at the 2015 Polk County Fair

6. Burnett County Family Resource Center, \$500

to purchase car seats for local children and hold community car seat checks

7. Polk County Historical Society, \$500

to offer educational programs and exhibits that make history relevant and interesting

8. Balsam Lake Water Ski Show Team, \$250

to purchase water ski equipment

9. St. Croix Festival Theatre, \$500

to support art education for youth, including after-school art classes, summer creativity camps, youth and family productions, and discount tickets for school matinees

10. Amery Area Senior Citizens, \$500

to offer new Alzheimer's and Aging program and other health and wellness support groups and programs

11. Clear Lake Public Library, \$500

to provide library books for children at Clear Lake Clinic

12. Siren FCCLA, \$250

to support school-year programming and help fund trip to national conference in Washington, D.C.

13. Polk County Kinship, \$1,000

to recruit and train mentors for children

14. Moms & Dads Against Meth, \$1,000

to support operating expenses at Butterfly House, a sober residence for women

15. Polk County Human Services, \$300

to purchase safety equipment for certified daycare homes, including baby gates, carbon monoxide detectors and door-knob safety covers

16. Wannigan Days, \$250

to help support three-day summer celebration in St. Croix Falls for youth and the public

17. Friends of Polk County Information Center, \$250

to help purchase new computers and reprint trail maps

18. Burnett County Health & Human Services, Public Health, \$250

to encourage healthy eating by offering taste testing at farmers' markets

19. Quarter Moon Acres Equine Therapy Center, \$750

- to help individuals turn disabilities into abilities with a therapeutic horse riding program*
- 20. Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity, \$1,000**
to purchase building materials for a Habitat home in Luck
 - 21. River Valley Hockey Association, \$500**
to replace hockey goals
 - 22. Northwoods Fyers, EAA Chapter 1537, \$250**
to support Young Eagles free flight program for youth and fly-in event for community
 - 23. Osceola Historical Society, \$500**
to produce a historical walking brochure for Osceola area
 - 24. Northwoods Homeless Shelter, \$1,000**
to purchase food and gas cards for shelter residents
 - 25. AKA Sisterhood of the St. Croix Valley Foundation, \$500**
to offer training that eliminates aggression and bullying for girls in grades 4 to 8
 - 26. WPCA Radio, \$500**
to replace computer and station sign
 - 27. Amery Area EMS, \$500**
to purchase car seats for local children and hold community car seat checks
 - 28. St. Croix Regional Medical Center Volunteer Partners, \$500**
to help purchase a blanket warmer and other equipment that improves patient care
 - 29. Franconia Sculpture Park, \$250**
to provide free programs and transportation for students in Polk and Burnett counties
 - 30. United Way St. Croix Valley, \$500**
to prepare children for school by supporting early childhood and parent education
 - 31. Polk County Health Department, Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Program, \$500**
to help fund prenatal breastfeeding class for women enrolled in WIC
 - 32. Luck & Frederic School Districts Summer Saunters Program, \$500**
to help youth "unplug" and engage in outdoor hikes along the Ice Age Trail

Funding was denied to the following organization(s):

Friends of Larsen Family Public Library, \$2,400, *to purchase books and supplies for early childhood literacy program. Reason for denial: Applied too early, eligible to receive grant once per year, hold until next quarter.*

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Merle Bergren 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 Mabel Jenssen to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 1:30 p.m., Centuria.