

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, June 26, 2014

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 Thursday, June 26, 2014, 6 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Gary called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a motion made by JoAnn Kipping and seconded by Clarice Johnson.

TERM RENEWALS

Joan O'Fallon reported that Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative's board of directors approved term renewals June 23 for Gary Ganje, District 3; Merle Bergren, District 4; and JoAnn Kipping District 7. Each will serve another three-year term on the Operation Round-Up board from July 2014 to June 2017.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Mabel Jenssen to install all three previous officers: Gary Ganje as president, Ed Peterson as vice president and Alma Karels as secretary/treasurer. The motion was approved.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Ed Peterson 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 Mabel Jenssen to approve the April 10, 2014, meeting minutes. Motion carried. Joan O'Fallon will post minutes on the website.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Merle Bergren and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve the treasurer's report. The year-to-date total, including year-to-date donations through May 2014, is \$39,608.56. Year-to-date disbursements were \$22,850 for grant awards, \$18 for miscellaneous and \$354.62 for mileage reimbursement. As of June 2014, Operation Round-Up had a balance of \$16,385.94.

MEETING FACILITATORS REPORT

Joan distributed thank-you notes and publications from grant recipients. She also announced that Operation Round-Up was recognized by Polk County Home & Community Education as 2014 Person of the Year. The board recognized Kris McCormack, who was Wannigan Days Grand Marshal and thanked Merle Bergren for donating his set of Operation Round-Up meeting minutes, 1997-present.

MOTION TO APPROVE/DENY GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by Alma Karels and seconded by JoAnne Kipping to approve \$15,050 in grant funding for 21 organizations listed below. A motion was made by Merle Bergren and seconded by Ed Peterson to cap grants for community celebrations, for example St. Croix Falls Wannigan Days, to \$250.

- 1. Good Samaritan SCV Auxiliary, \$500**
to purchase a second bladder scanner
- 2. Salvation Army Faith House, \$1,000**
to provide weekly backpacks of food to children in Burnett County
- 3. Salvation Army Serenity Home, \$500**
to provide food and personal care items for homeless individuals
- 4. Webb Lake Area First Responders and EMTs, \$800**
to replace expired EPI pens
- 5. Amery Area Senior/Community Center, \$800**
to offer health and wellness support groups
- 6. St. Croix Falls Wannigan Days, \$250**
to support free family event and construct replacement Wannigan boat
- 7. Angels' Island Playground, Village of Milltown, \$1,000**
to build a playground in memory of three local girls who died in a Dec. 2013 car accident
- 8. Village of Siren, \$800**
to install restrooms on north end of Crooked Lake Park
- 9. Moms and Dads Against Meth, \$800**
to cover expenses at Butterfly House, a transitional sober facility for women
- 10. River's Run and Ride Rally, Inc., \$500**
to construct a pavilion at River's Skate Park in Milltown
- 11. Siren Family, Career & Community Leaders of America, \$800**
to help with student travel and programming expenses
- 12. Grantsburg Music Festival Association, \$800**
to host Music in the Park for community entertainment and education
- 13. Osceola School District Blue Ribbon Safety Night, \$500**
to offer movie night for children, while parents learn about child safety
- 14. St. Croix Falls Lions Club, \$800**
to install new playground equipment at St. Croix Falls Lions Park
- 15. UW-Extension Polk County, \$500**
to develop healthy cookbook for farmer's markets, food shelves and WIC families
- 16. Polk County Historical Society, \$800**
to update the security system at Polk County Museum
- 17. Northwoods Flyers, \$800**
to promote aviation in local community with Young Eagles program and fly-in breakfast
- 18. Polk County Kinship, \$1,000**
to offer mentoring program that helps young people succeed
- 19. Clear Lake Public Library, \$500**
to purchase books for Growing Wisconsin Readers program
- 20. St. Croix Festival Theatre, \$800**
to offer creativity camps, workshops and theatre performances for youth
- 21. St. Croix Regional Medical Center Volunteer Partners, \$800**
to help purchase heated recliner for chemo patients and equipment to safely and comfortably transfer patients

The following grant application was put on hold because it was submitted too early:

Partners of Osceola Medical Center, \$975, *to purchase energy-efficient LED lights and live evergreens for annual Love Light event*

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Clarice Johnson and seconded by JoAnne 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 Alma Karels and seconded by Clarice Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, October 2, 2014, 6 p.m., Centuria