

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, October 7, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc. was held at Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperation, 1001 State Road 35, Centuria, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 1:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.

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

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 Clarice Johnson.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Gary Ganje read the mission statement to guide board's consideration of grant requests.

APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

A motion was made by Kris McCormack and seconded by Mabel Jensen to approve the July 1, 2015, meeting minutes. Motion carried. Joan O'Fallon will post minutes on the website.

GENERAL MANAGER INTRODUCTION

Polk-Burnett General Manager Steve Stroshane introduced himself to Operation Round-Up board directors and thanked them for their service to the cooperative and our local communities.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Merle Bergren and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to approve the treasurer's report. The year-to-date total, including donations through September 2015, is \$61,764.23. Year-to-date disbursements were \$46,550 for grant awards, \$600.30 for mileage reimbursement and \$59 for miscellaneous. As of September 2015, Operation Round-Up had a balance of \$14,554.93.

MEETING FACILITATORS REPORT

- A. Joan O'Fallon distributed thank-you notes and publications from grant recipients.
- B. Joan O'Fallon reported that Operation Round-Up received a resignation notice from Director Lida Nordquist, who is moving out of district 6. The co-op board will appoint a new director for district 6.
- C. Joan O'Fallon asked the board to clarify one-year eligibility for related and umbrella organizations, for example *Friends* of Larsen Public Library and the Larson Public Library. The board discussed and determined that each is a separate organization, with eligibility to receive a grant annually.

MOTION TO APPROVE/DENY GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Alma Karels to approve \$11,275 in grant funding for 13 organizations listed below.

1. Friends of the Larsen Family Public Library, \$1,000

to purchase books and supplies for early childhood literacy program

- 2. Osceola Public Library, \$1,000**
to purchase four Chromebooks for online early literacy program
- 3. West Central Wisconsin Community Action Agency, \$1,000**
to provide assistance to people who are homeless in Polk County
- 4. Family Resource Center of St. Croix Valley, \$1,000**
to support parent education in Polk County
- 5. Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County, \$1,000**
to recruit and train volunteers to help seniors and adults with disabilities
- 6. Polk County Human Services, Juvenile Justice, \$1,000**
to purchase gas cards to help teens and their families travel to appointments
- 7. Amery Police Department, \$1,000**
to offer Rise Together drug and alcohol education at Amery High School
- 8. Unity Eagle Booster Club, \$250**
to help purchase a new eagle mascot costume
- 9. Osceola Elementary School Reading Program, \$725**
to purchase CD players, headphones and books on CD for kindergarteners
- 10. St. Croix Valley Orchestra, \$1,000**
to purchase new music, improve website and help with general orchestra operations
- 11. Lorain Fire Department, \$1,000**
to purchase a cascade system, which fills air bottles for breathing air packs during a fire
- 12. Luck Community Education, \$300**
to support Prairie Fire Theatre production of Wizard of Oz at school
- 13. Good Samaritan Society of St. Croix Falls Auxiliary, \$1,000**
to help purchase a new bladder scanner for the transition care unit

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

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

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 1:30 p.m., Centuria.