

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, April 3, 2024

*A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc.
was held Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 1:30 p.m.,
at Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative, 1001 State Road 35, Centuria, Wisconsin.*

Present: Gretchen Sampson, Ed Peterson, Gary Ganje, Marlyn Bottolfson, JoAnn Kipping, Julie Minell, Herschel Brown, Kelly Bertuleit and Joan O'Fallon (facilitator).

Absent: Elvira Schmidt.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Gretchen Sampson, president, called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Gary Ganje and seconded Herschel Brown to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to approve the January 2024 meeting minutes. Motion approved. Joan O'Fallon will post minutes on the website.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion made by JoAnn Kipping and seconded by Gary Ganje to approve the treasurer's report. Funds through March totaled \$39,433.55. Disbursements totaled \$15,200, plus \$288.77 for board mileage reimbursement. The ending balance was \$23,944.78. Motion approved.

MEETING FACILITATOR'S REPORT

Joan O'Fallon shared thank-you notes from grant recipients and newspaper clips of check presentations from the past quarter.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Gretchen Sampson read the mission statement to guide the board's consideration of grant requests.

MOTION TO APPROVE GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by Gary Ganje and seconded by Ed Peterson to approve \$20,244 in grant funding for 20 nonprofit organizations below.

- 1. Luck Senior Center, \$1,000, new carpet**
- 2. Softec Education, \$2,000, 3D printer for workforce training**
- 3. St. Croix Falls Public Library, \$1,000, summer reading program, supplies and activities for youth**
- 4. Inter-County Cooperative Publishing Assoc. Foundation, \$1,000, newspaper for kids to improve reading**
- 5. Quarter Moon Acres Equine Therapy Center, \$1,089, laptop computer and PATH membership**
- 6. Friends of Amery Public Library, \$1,000, large-print books for library**
- 7. Caring Hearts Thirtshop, \$1,500, support Webster-area food pantry**
- 8. Humane Society of Burnett County, \$1,155, no-cost microchip clinic for local pet owners**
- 9. Clear Lake Gaylord Nelson Elementary School, \$1,000, books for students in grades 4K-6**
- 10. Luck High School FCCLA, \$500, state conference to build leadership and life skills**
- 11. Luck/Frederic Boys Golf, \$500, equipment and training for golf team**

12. **WPCA Radio Dream Center, \$1,000, repair transmitter shack floor, studio entrance and patio**
13. **Frederic Birch Street Elementary School, \$1,000, schoolwide theme unit celebrating the arts**
14. **Youth for Big Doctor Lake, \$500, improve fish habitat with native plants, water quality tests and algae prevention**
15. **West Denmark Woodland School, \$1,000, supplies and outdoor classroom for preschool program**
16. **Milltown Public Library, \$1,000, programs for youth and adults, such as Touch a Truck**
17. **Wilberg Memorial Public Library, Osceola, \$1,000, STREAM learning kits for youth and families**
18. **Cycling without Age in Amery, \$1,000, trishaw bicycles for seniors and people with disabilities**
19. **Village of Clear Lake Parks, \$1,000, benches, bike racks, swing set, water fountain and other park improvements**
20. **Festival Theatre, \$1,000, to move back into the historic auditorium, Curtain Rising Campaign**

The board denied the grant application from:

Mount Hope Cemetery Association, \$1,000, stone cleaning and repair, and tree replacement.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Gretchen Sampson moved to approve mileage reimbursement to board members who submitted expense forms. Ed Peterson seconded. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Ed Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m. JoAnn Kipping seconded. Motion approved.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 1:30 p.m., SIREN