

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

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2025

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 8, 2025, 1:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.

Present: JoAnn Kipping, Gary Ganje, Elvira Schmidt, Marlyn Bottolfson, Julie Minell, Diane Lund, Mary Erickson, Ed Peterson, Gretchen Sampson and Joan O'Fallon (facilitator).

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Gretchen Sampson, president, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a motion made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Diane Lund.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Elvira Schmidt, secretary/treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. Year-to-date funds through November 2024 totaled \$91,994.14. Year-to-date disbursements totaled \$70,798, and \$1,031.80 was paid for mileage reimbursement. The ending balance is \$20,164.34. A motion was made by Diane Lund and seconded by Mary Erickson to approve the treasurer's report. Motion approved.

MEETING FACILILATOR'S REPORT

Joan O'Fallon distributed thank-you notes and publications from grant recipients, and newspaper clips from recent Operation Round Up grant presentations.

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 JoAnn Kipping and seconded by Marlyn Bottolfson to approve \$14,300 in grant funding for 14 organizations listed below. Motion approved.

- 1. Clear Lake Area Community Center, \$1,000, commercial garbage disposal**
- 2. St. Croix Falls High School, \$1,500, Veterans Honor Wall**
- 3. Clear Lake Historical Museum, \$1,000, lighting and display cases**
- 4. Natural Alternative Food Co-op, \$1,000, store signage**
- 5. Clear Lake Public Library, \$1,000, summer reading program**
- 6. Siren School Band, \$1,000, original "To Fly With Dragons" band music**
- 7. Burnett County Family Resource Center, \$1,500, diaper pantry for local families**
- 8. Luck Area Historical Society, \$1,000, upgrade lighting to LEDs**
- 9. Clear Lake Track & Field, \$500, discus throwing cage**
- 10. Clayton FFA, \$1,500, hydroponic growing stations throughout school**
- 11. Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County, \$1,500, transportation to medical appointments**

- 12. Deronda Diplomats 4-H Club, \$800, *supplies to make tie blankets for Amery Dialysis Center***
13. Frederic Community Education, \$500, *Slinger Bag pickleball machine*
14. Turtle Lake Track Committee, \$500, *high jump and discus equipment*

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Gary Ganje and seconded by Elvira Schmidt to approve mileage reimbursement for board members who submitted expense forms. Motion approved. Checks will be mailed by Polk-Burnett's finance department.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mary Erickson and seconded by Elvira Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 2 p.m. Motion approved.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 1:30 p.m., Centuria