

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2022

*A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc.
was held Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 1:30 p.m.*

The meeting was conducted by telephone due to bad weather and high COVID numbers.

Present: Merle Bergren, JoAnn Kipping, Gary Ganje, Gretchen Sampson, Elvira Schmidt, Ed Peterson, Herschel Brown, Alma Karels and Joan O'Fallon (facilitator).

Absent: Clarice Johnson.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ed Peterson, president, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MEETING MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion made by Gary Ganje and seconded by Herschel Brown to approve the agenda, the October 2021 meeting minutes and the treasurer's report. Motion approved.

Alma Karels, secretary/treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. Year-to-date total funds through December 2021 was \$109,314.30. Year-to-date disbursements totaled \$73,311.30, plus \$400.40 for board mileage reimbursement. The ending balance is \$35,602.60.

Joan O'Fallon will post October 2021 minutes on the website.

MEETING FACILILATOR'S REPORT

Joan O'Fallon will share thank-you notes from grant recipients at the spring meeting.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Ed Peterson, president, read the mission statement to guide the board's consideration of grant requests.

MOTION TO APPROVE GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by Alma Karels and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to approve \$19,500 in grant funding for 19 organizations below.

- 1. WPCA Radio-Dream Center, \$1,000, CD recorder, turntables and microphones**
- 2. Caring Hearts Thrift Shop, \$1,500, Webster food pantry**
- 3. Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County, \$1,500, recruit, screen, schedule and retain volunteers**
- 4. Endeavors Adult Development Ctr., \$1,000, help adults with disabilities be independent and thrive**
- 5. Unity High School Ag Program, \$500, dishwasher for ag kitchen/lab area**
- 6. Luck Ag Education, \$600, tools for vet science course**
- 7. Turtle Lake School, \$1,000, Realcare Baby simulators for childcare and child development course**
- 8. Friends of Larsen Public Library, \$1,000, book giveaway program for Webster children**
- 9. STAR Education Foundation, \$1,000, backpack food program for St. Croix Falls students**
- 10. Clear Lake Public Library, \$1,000, large print books**
- 11. Salvation Army, Polk County, \$1,500, food backpack program for Polk County schools**
- 12. Salvation Army, Burnett County, \$1,500, food backpack program for Burnett County schools**
- 13. Polk County Information Center, \$1,000, 2022 tourism conference**
- 14. Rowdy Red Hat Mamas, \$500, crisis comfort care kits for women in local hospital emergency rooms**
- 15. St. Croix Valley Orchestra, \$1,000, music and equipment for the orchestra**

16. **Ruby's Food Shelf-Siren, \$1,000, gas cards for food shelf recipients**
17. **Grantsburg Historical Society, \$1,000, improvements for one-room schoolhouse**
18. **Golden Age Manor, \$1,400, automated external defibrillator (AED)**
19. **North Woods and Waters of the St. Croix Heritage Area, \$500, online guide for local nonprofits**

The following grants were denied because they don't fit mission or giving guidelines:

Mount Hope Cemetery Association, \$687, supplies to clean and restore memorial stones
Burnett County Medical Examiner's Office, \$1,085, animal and human reference bones

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

No mileage reimbursement submitted this quarter, as meeting was held by telephone conference call.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Merle Bergren and seconded by Gretchen Sampson to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 1:30 p.m., Centuria