

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, October 7, 2021

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 Thursday, October 7, 2021, 1:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.

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

Absent: Alma Karels and Ed Peterson.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Elvira Schmidt, vice president, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a motion made by Herschel Brown and seconded by Clarice Johnson.

APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

A motion was made by Gary Ganje and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to approve the July 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried. Joan O'Fallon will post minutes on the website.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Gretchen Sampson and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. The year-to-date total through September 2021 is \$92,139.69. Year-to-date disbursements, including grants, totaled \$63,634, and director mileage reimbursement was \$205.52. The ending balance is \$28,300.17.

MEETING FACILILATOR'S REPORT

Joan O'Fallon distributed thank-you notes, newspaper clips and publications from grant recipients. She also distributed policy manuals, as reviewed and approved at the July meeting.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Elvira Schmidt 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 Clarice Johnson to approve \$9,677.30 in grant funding for nine organizations listed below. Motion carried.

- 1. Milltown Public Library, \$1,000, activity bags for senior citizens**
- 2. Grantsburg Community Education, \$1,000, STAR mentoring program for students**
- 3. Town of Lorain Fire Department, \$1,000, light bar, emergency flashers and speaker for brush truck**
- 4. Luck Senior Citizens Center, \$1,500, exterior building staining, caulking**
- 5. Clear Lake Museum, \$1,000, newspaper archives and preservation of Sen. Gaylord Nelson papers**
- 6. Grantsburg Village Improvement Program, \$1,000, community splash pad**
- 7. Healthy Burnett, \$677.30, website**
- 8. Osceola Historical Society, \$1,500, digitize 100+ years of local newspapers**
- 9. Skonewood Retreat, \$1,000, security lights, electrical rewiring, Wi-Fi installation**

The following grant applications were submitted too early:

1. Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County
2. WPCA Radio
3. Caring Hearts Thrift Shop

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Clarice Johnson and seconded by Herschel Brown to approve mileage reimbursement for board members who submitted expense forms. Motion carried. Checks will be mailed by Polk-Burnett's finance department.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gary Ganje and seconded by Gretchen Sampson to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 1:30 p.m., Centuria