

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, June 24, 2020

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, June 24, 2020, 1:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.

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

Absent: Kris McCormack, Elvira Schmidt.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Gary Ganje, 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 Ed Peterson.

BOARD RENEWALS

Joan O'Fallon reported that three-year term renewals were approved by the Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative board at its June 22 regular board meeting for Gary Ganje, District 3; Merle Bergren, District 4 and JoAnn Kipping, District 7. New terms run 2020 – 2023.

BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Herschel Brown to nominate Gary Ganje for president. Merle Bergren moved to close the nomination. Approved.

A motion was made by Alma Karels to nominate Ed Peterson for vice president. Merle Bergren moved to close the nomination. Approved.

A motion was made Ed Peterson to nominate Alma Karels for secretary-treasurer. Merle Bergren moved to close the nomination. Approved.

Officers are Gary Ganje, president; Ed Peterson, vice president and Alma Karels, secretary-treasurer.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Herschel Brown to approve the January 2020, meeting minutes. Motion carried. Joan O'Fallon will post minutes on the website. (No April minutes. April 2020 meeting was canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.)

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made JoAnn Kipping and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve the treasurer's report. The year-to-date total through June 2020 is \$58,308.65. Year-to-date disbursements totaled \$16,705, plus \$238.63 for board mileage reimbursement. The ending balance is \$41,365.02. (This is higher than normal because spring grants were postponed due to COVID-19.)

MEETING FACILILATOR'S REPORT

Joan O'Fallon distributed thank-you notes and publications from grant recipients, newspaper clips and the 2019 Polk-Burnett Charities/Operation Round Up annual report, as shared with the co-op board.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

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

MOTION TO APPROVE GRANT FUNDING

Spring 2020 Grants (Postponed to June due to COVID-19 pandemic)

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Alma Karels to approve \$20,653 in grant funding for 21 organizations listed below.

- 1. Polk County Behavioral Health, \$1,000, gas cards to help people with transportation**
- 2. Domestic Animal Wellness Center & Wildlife Rescue, \$1,000, supplies**
- 3. Washburn County Sheriff's Dept., \$1,000, enclosed trailer for emergency supplies and generator**
- 4. Mental Health Task Force of Burnett County, \$800, Mental Health Chalk Art program for schools**
- 5. Quarter Moon Acres Equine Therapy, \$858, laptop and printer**
- 6. St. Croix Falls School District, School Nurse, \$400, wheelchair**
- 7. Amery Area Food Pantry, \$1,500, food and personal care items for local families**
- 8. Yellow Lake Food Distribution, \$1,500, food for distribution to local families**
- 9. Luck School District Family and Consumer Science, \$500, stove replacement**
- 10. Frederic Elementary School, \$500, Asian Adventure theme unit**
- 11. Amery FFA Alumni, \$1,000, student travel to international competition in Scotland and Ireland**
- 12. League of Women Voters Upper St. Croix Valley, \$1,000, voter registration events and materials**
- 13. Scott Volunteer Fire Dept., \$1,000, replace self-contained breathing apparatus**
- 14. Family Pathways, Frederic & St. Croix Falls Food Shelves, \$3,000, \$1,500 to each local food shelf**
- 15. Burnett Area Arts Group, \$795, community art shows and events**
- 16. Coats for Kids, \$1,000, coat distribution for kids**
- 17. Clear Lake Museum, \$1,000, signage and materials for historical walking tour**
- 18. Siren High School Track & Field, \$500, two iPads**
- 19. Mental Health Task Force of Polk County, \$1,000, mental health education for community groups**
- 20. Humane Society of Burnett County, \$800, electrical wiring for indoor dog area**
- 21. Clear Lake Veteran's Memorial, \$500, museum and community displays**

Requested to opt out because of COVID-19: **Northwest Passage, \$1,500, Make Music concert for students and community**

Summer 2020 Grants

A motion was made by Herschel Brown and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve \$14,100 in grant funding for 14 organizations listed below.

- 1. Amery Women's Club, \$1,000, books for Amery second graders**
- 2. St. Croix Falls Food Shelf, \$1,500, food for local families**
- 3. Osceola Intermediate School, \$1,000, \$500 each for school garden and writing kits**
- 4. Luck FFA, \$600, pig project**
- 5. Moms & Dads Against Meth, \$1,000, sobor residence for women**
- 6. Grantsburg Community Education, \$1,000, STAR mentor program**
- 7. Frederic Arts Inc., \$500, art classes for assisted living residents**
- 8. Aspen Guardian Services, \$1,000, new computer**
- 9. Clear Lake Schools, \$1,000, mental health awareness week**
- 10. Kinship of Polk County, \$1,000, mentoring program for Polk County children**
- 11. St. Croix Falls Police K9 Association, \$1,000, items for K9 vehicle**
- 12. Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity, \$1,500, home rehab in Burnett County**

13. Grantsburg Area Historical Society, \$1,000, to paint historic Emma's House

14. St. Croix Valley Sexual Assault Response Team, \$1,000, camera to record forensic examination

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by JoAnn Kipping and seconded by Alma Karels 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 Clarice Johnson and seconded by JoAnn Kipping to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 1:30 p.m., Centuria