

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.
Monday, March 3, 2014, 4:00 pm
Black Diamond Ranch Club
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Steve Barnes, Jim Briley, Bob Campbell, Bill Joens, Jill Ludowese, Charlotte McKim, Susan Pratt, Kent Rinker, Sharron Rosenberg, Susan Savard

Absent: Mike Bays, Dave Burns

Guests: Captains Phil and Lynn Irish, Rick Sampson, Ed Laity: The Salvation Army in Citrus County

Tom Chancey, Duane Dueker, Paul Cash: Community Food Bank of Citrus County

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, March 3, 2014.

2. Presentations

The Salvation Army in Citrus County

Captains Phil and Lynn Irish, Board of Advisors President, Rick Sampson, and Fundraising Chair, Ed Laity, provided an informative briefing about their new facilities in Inverness, and their collaborative programs serving those in need throughout Citrus County.

In December 2013, Black Diamond Foundation approved a community grant of \$4,000 to The Salvation Army to support their cold weather shelter - a one-of-a kind facility in Citrus County. Captain Irish thanked the Black Diamond Foundation, and noted that The Salvation Army served 103 individuals at the cold weather shelter during the winter months, and that the Citrus County shelter was being used as a model for surrounding counties.

The Salvation Army in Citrus County provides services in several mission categories: social services, feeding programs, disaster preparedness/relief, counseling, spiritual support, youth and senior programs, music and creative programs, and outdoor camps. To better support local residents and expand programs, The Army purchased and renovated a centrally-located warehouse in Inverness during 2012. This 15,000 square-foot facility is the nexus of Salvation Army programs in Citrus County, and hosts collaborative activities with numerous community agency and local government partners.

The Salvation Army spent almost \$2 million to purchase and renovate their new facilities. They have since re-paid \$1.2 million, and are working to raise funds to pay down their \$750,000 mortgage. Their capital campaign offers donation opportunities at various funding levels, recognized by naming parts of their new facility in honor of the donors.

Chairman Joens thanked The Salvation Army in Citrus County leadership for their presentation. He noted that the Black Diamond Foundation Board would have to review the financial data provided at the meeting over the coming month, and that they would hear from our Board of Directors in April 2014.

Community Food Bank (CFB) of Citrus County, Inc.

Executive Director Tom Chancey, President Duane Dueker, and Treasurer Paul Cash, updated the Black Diamond Foundation Board on the CFB's accomplishments during its first year of operation. Black Diamond Foundation was one of the Food Bank's earliest supporters, providing a \$15,000 community grant in May 2013.

The CFB has made a huge difference in the fight to eradicate hunger in Citrus County. They've distributed over one million pounds of quality food during the first 13 months of operation, and now work with 38 Citrus County community agencies who help serve those in need. The average shared maintenance fee (cost to the local agencies for donated food provided), was 8 cents per pound.

The CFB critical needs in 2014 include a large (20x20x15 foot) freezer, and an emergency generator. They have \$30,000 in reserve funds committed to the new freezer, but need the balance of \$13,900 to purchase one. The emergency generator will cost approximately \$28,800 to purchase and install.

Chairman Joens thanked all three gentlemen for their service to the local community, and for providing our Board with insight about the CFB's needs for the coming year.

3. Approval of Minutes, February 3, 2014

The Minutes of February 3, 2014, were approved as written.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Briley presented the monthly Financial Report. At the end of February 2014, the Foundation had \$192,095.89 in unrestricted funds. Jim noted a year-over-year decrease in member contributions of roughly \$4,000 in 2014. This could be due to the early release of the 2013 annual appeal letter that coincided with the Foundation celebration dinner held last February. The 2014 annual appeal letter will be mailed later this month.

5. Old Business.

Citrus United Basket (CUB)

Bill Joens, Charlotte McKim, and Sharron Rosenberg met with CUB's Executive Director, Jenn Campbell, on February 10th. Shortly after that meeting, CUB replaced the Executive Director. The Board elected to defer a decision on a potential community grant to CUB until after their staff transition is complete.

Transition Planning

As discussed last month, the Board needs to discuss and plan for transition in two key areas during the remainder of 2014: Board of Directors Leadership and the Foundation Pro-Am Tournament. Since the March 2014 meeting was running late after two community grant presentations, the Board deferred discussion on the “way ahead” to the April 2014 meeting.

6. New Business

2014 Annual Appeal

Susan Savard reports the annual appeal is going out in the mail this week. She is also putting together packets with Foundation letters welcoming new community residents.

7. Community Grant Requests

Community Food Bank of Citrus County

The financial documents provided by the CFB prior to the March 2014 meeting were sufficient for the Board to discuss and act on their funding request. It was noted that a Black Diamond Foundation community grant of \$15,000 (added to the \$30,000 the CFB had held in reserve for that purpose), would allow the CFB to immediately purchase and install the large freezer equipment they needed. Additionally, Bill Joens, Jim Briley and Kent Rinker will seek to meet with members of the CFB Board to discuss additional partnership opportunities moving forward.

MOVED BY: KENT RINKER
SECONDED BY: SUSAN SAVARD

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$15,000 (Fifteen thousand dollars) to the Community Food Bank of Citrus County, Inc. to immediately purchase and install freezer equipment needed at the Homosassa, FL facility.

APPROVED.

8. Articles for 2014 Club Newsletter – “Happenings”

Copy is due to Beverly Partain (bpartain@blackdiamondranch.com), by stated suspense.

Apr	The Path Vegetable Garden	Steve Barnes	due Mar 15
May	Take Stock in Children	Jill Ludowese	due Apr 15
Jun	Community Food Bank	Charlotte McKim	due May 15
Jul	WTI Update	Jill Ludowese	due Jun 15
Aug	River Project	Sue Pratt	due Jul 15
Sep	Samaritan Dental Clinic	Kent Rinker	due Aug 15

9. Next Meetings and Adjournment

Based on conversation at the table, it is unclear if we will have a quorum at the scheduled meeting on May 5, 2014. Chairman Joens asked that each Board member check their calendars and determine if they could make a meeting on either April 28th or May 5th.

The Foundation will meet next at 4:00 pm on Monday, April 7, 2014 in the clubhouse boardroom. Additional meeting dates in 2014 are: May 5 (tentative), Nov 3, and Dec 1.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm, Monday, March 3, 2014.

Jill Ludowese, Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.

Monday, March 31, 2014