

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.
Monday, April 7, 2014, 4:00 pm
Black Diamond Ranch Club
Lecanto, Florida

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

Absent: Dave Burns

Guests: Roscoe Coles, Citrus County Sheriff's Office and Black Diamond Foundation Scholarship Recipient at Withlacoochee Technical Institute (WTI)

Tom Slagle and Bonnie McMullen, Nature Coast Ministries

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, April 7, 2014.

2. Presentations

Scholarship Recipient Feedback

The Board was pleased to be reacquainted with Roscoe Coles, and hear of his progress since he graduated from Law Enforcement training at WTI. He is now employed by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office. He credits Reverend Doug Alexander's ministry at The New Church Without Walls with helping him get back on his feet, along with Black Diamond Foundation for providing scholarship funding to help him further his education and qualify for a job that enables him to support his family and remain in Citrus County.

Nature Coast Ministries

Tom Slagle, Director, Nature Coast Ministries, briefed the Board of Directors on the progress of the Samaritan Free Dental and Medical Clinic in Homosassa. Black Diamond Foundation provided community grants totaling \$7,200 to Nature Coast Ministries during 2012 and 2013 to help them establish their facility and purchase dental supplies.

After a lengthy certification process, the Clinic opened on March 3rd, and is now providing dental services to the indigent population in Citrus County for three half-days each week. Nature Coast Ministries spent over \$125,000 to establish and open the Clinic. There are 18 volunteer dentists certified to work in the Homosassa facility, along with one full time dental assistant. To date, they have seen 34 patients, with over 300 calls for service.

Nature Coast Ministries expects that most patients who come to the Clinic will qualify for and receive free care. Currently, the Clinic is providing routine dental services. Their focus is to put a surgical capability in place over the coming year. Nature Coast Ministries will need almost \$97,000 to purchase equipment for the operatory room, as

well as back-up power generation equipment to ensure sustained operations in the event of a commercial power failure.

The Clinic currently has 2 months of dental supplies on hand, to provide care for 50 patients per week. Nature Coast Ministries estimates its annual operating costs to provide care for 2,600 patients in need will be \$161,100.

Chairman Joens thanked Mr. Slagle and Ms. McMullen for working so diligently to fill a known gap in health services for those in need throughout the County, and for their presentation to the Board.

3. Approval of Minutes, March 3, 2014

The Minutes of March 3, 2014, were approved with minor corrections.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Briley presented the monthly Financial Report. At the end of March 2014, the Foundation had \$199,093.37 in unrestricted funds. Member contributions attributable to the 2014 Annual Appeal are slowing, and have decreased roughly \$7,500, year over year, compared to 2013. Net revenue from the 2014 Pro-Am Tournament was also down \$4,050 from 2013, a 6.7% decrease, primarily due to fewer participants. Flag sales from the Black Diamond Ryder Cup Tournament totaled \$780, the second highest amount raised for that event in Foundation history. A big thank you to Bob and Lisa Campbell, who purchased the flags, and to the volunteers who spent time selling them to benefit the Foundation.

5. Old Business.

Community Food Bank of Citrus County

Since our last Board meeting, Bill Joens met with Tom Chancey, Duane Dueker and Paul Cash at their facility. They are purchasing the large freezer needed after receiving the Black Diamond Foundation community grant approved in March 2014. They are also purchasing and installing a new stand-alone generator with existing funds. Bill Joens asked if a multi-year Foundation funding commitment would help the Community Food Bank obtain future bank loans. Tom and his team will check and get an answer to Bill.

Transition Planning

To aid in transition planning, the Board formed a search committee to nominate a new slate of officers for election in late 2014. The committee will also need to nominate three new Board members to replace those who are stepping down in 2015. The search committee includes Past Black Diamond Foundation Chairman, Jay Joines, current Chairman, Bill Joens, and board members Sharron Rosenberg, Charlotte McKim, and Jill Ludowese.

6. New Business

Estate Gifts to Black Diamond Foundation

It was noted that at least two members of the Black Diamond community have designated gifts to Black Diamond Foundation as part of their Estate plans. The Board discussed forming a committee to determine if the Foundation governing documents are written in sufficient detail to administer planned giving, and how the Foundation needs to proceed to accept future bequests. The Board will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

7. Community Grant Requests

The Salvation Army of Citrus County

After representatives from The Salvation Army of Citrus County presented their Capital Campaign briefing to the Foundation Board of Directors last month, Bill Joens, Jim Briley and Susan Savard visited their new facility in Inverness. They reported that the facility has a lot of traffic, and is impressive in its functionality. The facility can easily serve as a disaster relief shelter, and has a big commercial kitchen. It was noted during the site visit that 100% of any contribution made to The Salvation Army of Citrus County building fund would stay in the County. The Salvation Army would not charge any overhead at the State or National level.

The Board discussed a multi-year community grant to The Salvation Army of Citrus County in support of their capital campaign. Jim Briley noted that if the Board elected to do so, that any amount committed in the out years would have to be identified as restricted funds.

MOVED BY: JILL LUDOWESE
SECONDED BY: STEVE BARNES

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$30,000 (Thirty thousand dollars) to The Salvation Army of Citrus County building fund, to be made in three payments of \$10,000 during 2014, 2015, and 2016.

APPROVED.

The Path of Citrus County

DuWayne Sipper forwarded a grant request from The Path to help them purchase a used van or truck to support current transportation requirements.

MOVED BY: SUSAN SAVARD
SECONDED BY: KENT RINKER

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to The Path of Citrus County to purchase a used cargo/utility vehicle to sustain operations.

APPROVED.

Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance

Doug Lobel reported that the Feeding Alliance had recently discovered an unpaid bill for \$1,250.90 for packaging and pallet materials that were used during 2013 holiday food distribution activities. The Feeding Alliance has asked Black Diamond Foundation for help in settling this outstanding debt.

MOVED BY: KENT RINKER
SECONDED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$1,250.90 (One thousand, two hundred-fifty dollars and ninety cents) to The Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance to pay for packaging materials used for food distribution during the 2013 Holiday season.

APPROVED.

Other Community Grant Requests

The Board deferred action on grant requests from The New Church Without Walls and Aspire, pending receipt of additional information.

8. Articles for 2014 Club Newsletter – “Happenings”

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

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

The Foundation will meet next at 4:00 pm on Monday, April 28, 2014 in the clubhouse boardroom. After summer adjournment, the Board will meet again on Nov 3, and Dec 1.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm, Monday, April 7, 2014.

Jill Ludowese, Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.

Monday, April 21, 2014