

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.
Monday, December 2, 2013, 10:30 am
Black Diamond Ranch Club
Lecanto, Florida

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

Guests: Susan Rolston and Sheri Chancey, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am, December 2, 2013.

2. Presentations

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Pinellas County

Susan Rolston, CEO, Big Brothers, Big Sisters (BB/BS) of Pinellas County, and Sheri Chancey, one of the BB/BS Board Members active in Citrus County programs, provided feedback on the 2013 investment the Foundation made to support “Big/Little” matches in Citrus County. Black Diamond Foundation approved a community grant of \$12,000 to help low income children participate in the program.

The Pinellas branch of BB/BS is one of the top 35 in the country for number of children served and self-sustaining revenue. It serves over 1,500 children in the three-county area it covers, to include 25-30 in Citrus County. Of note, the “Big/Little” matches in Citrus County tend to last longer, which greatly benefit the children in those mentoring relationships. Cost to create a “Big/Little” match continues to run around \$1,200. Local revenue raised in Citrus County is not sufficient to fund all the “Big/Little” matches in place, and create new ones for children on the waiting list.

Chairman Joens thanked Mrs. Rolston and Mrs. Chancey for their presentation, and their drive to create better opportunities for Citrus County children.

3. Approval of Minutes, November 4, 2013

The Minutes of November 4, 2013, were approved with minor corrections.

4. Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Jim Briley presented the monthly Financial Report. At the end of November 2013, the Foundation had \$261,500 in unrestricted funds. Jim noted that Black Diamond member contributions should total approximately \$120,000 by the end of the 2013, roughly the same amount contributed in 2012.

The Board reviewed historical financial records for the past 10 years, and discussed known community grant requests. As stated last month, Black Diamond Foundation has normally entered the new calendar year with between \$160,000 and \$200,000 in

unrestricted funds. The Board of Directors agreed that it would be prudent to continue a community grant funding plan that mirrored last year's totals, which should keep spending in line with anticipated 2014 revenues.

5. Community Grant Requests

Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast

The Early Learning Coalition (ELC) annual fundraising dinner was held earlier than normal in 2013. The Board approved a \$10,000 community grant by e-vote in mid-November, so that Chairman Bill Joens could present the Foundation matching funds at the event. ELC facilitates school readiness and child development programs for Citrus County youth. Each dollar donated enables ELC to receive \$15.67 in federal matching funds. For every \$300 donated, one Citrus County child receives educational services for a full year. Today's formal confirmation of the e-vote completes this action.

MOVED BY: DAVE BURNS
SECONDED BY: KENT RINKER

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to The Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast to fund school readiness and child development programs for Citrus County children.

APPROVED.

Take Stock in Children, Citrus/Levy

Take Stock in Children (TSIC) helps local youth escape the cycle of poverty through education. The program provides college scholarships to deserving, low income Citrus County students, volunteer mentors who provide motivation and support, and college readiness coaches to oversee progress and support academic endeavors. Black Diamond Foundation funds are matched dollar for dollar by the State of Florida.

MOVED BY: SUSAN PRATT
SECONDED BY: CHARLOTTE MCKIM

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$12,000 (Twelve thousand dollars) to Take Stock in Children, Citrus/Levy to fund college tuition scholarships for deserving, low income Citrus County students.

APPROVED.

College of Central Florida

The College of Central Florida (CCF) provides access to high quality, high value baccalaureate degrees, associate degrees, certificates and diplomas to residents of Citrus County, thereby promoting the economic, social and cultural development of our local community. Black Diamond Foundation has provided scholarship funding to CF Foundation to support the education of Citrus County students since 2007.

This year, Black Diamond Foundation will support both the College of Central Florida's STEPS scholarship program by endowing a third scholarship at a Citrus County elementary school, as well as the CF Foundation General Scholarship fund.

MOVED BY: JILL LUDOWESE
SECONDED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$25,000 (Twenty-five thousand dollars) to the CF Foundation to support Citrus County students. Of this total, \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) shall be designated to endow a STEPS scholarship at a Citrus County elementary school. The remaining \$15,000 (Fifteen thousand dollars) shall be awarded to deserving Citrus County students who require financial assistance to initiate or complete their studies.

APPROVED.

Salvation Army, Citrus County

The Salvation Army, Citrus County has requested funding assistance to support cold weather/family shelter programs in Citrus County during the winter season.

MOVED BY: SUSAN SAVARD
SECONDED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$4,000 (Four thousand dollars) to Salvation Army, Citrus County to support cold weather/family shelter programs for Citrus County residents.

APPROVED.

Serving Our Savior Ministries

The Serving Our Savior (SOS) food pantry has seen an increase in requirements over the past two months. The pantry is now assisting 160 families, up from 130. The ministry has requested \$5,000 to help provide quality food for low income families during the holiday season.

MOVED BY: SUSAN PRATT
SECONDED BY: CHARLOTTE MCKIM

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$5,000 (Five thousand dollars) to Serving Our Savior Ministries to support feeding programs for low income Citrus County families.

APPROVED.

Citrus County Family Resource Center

Citrus County Family Resource Center (CCFRC) has also seen an increase in families seeking food assistance. They have requested similar funding for food pantry and family assistance programs during the holiday season.

MOVED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG
SECONDED BY: STEVE BARNES

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$5,000 (Five thousand dollars) to the Citrus County Family Resource Center to fund food pantry requirements and assistance programs for low income Citrus County families.

APPROVED.

Citrus County Veterans Foundation, Inc.

The Citrus County Veterans Foundation, Inc. provides immediate financial assistance for Citrus County veterans or surviving spouses who are in urgent need. This assistance could include help with rent or utility payments, food, or transportation programs.

MOVED BY: CHARLOTTE MCKIM
SECONDED BY: KENT RINKER

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$5,000 (Five thousand dollars) to the Citrus County Veterans Foundation, Inc. to fund emergency assistance programs for Citrus County veterans, or their surviving spouses.

APPROVED.

6. Old Business.

New Resident Outreach

During the Treasurer's Report, it was noted that the Foundation Board had not yet formed a committee to reach out to new Black Diamond residents to explain the goals of Black Diamond Foundation, and how our organization raises funds to help the local community. Kent Rinker will lead this effort in 2014, assisted by Dave Burns.

Pro-Am Sponsorship

Dave Burns reported that Duke Energy representatives have not yet responded to our request for meeting to discuss potential sponsorship of the 2014 Black Diamond Foundation Pro-Am Golf Tournament. He will continue to work on this initiative through the holidays.

Citrus County Historical Society

Dave Burns submitted a copy of the Citrus County Historical Society newsletter, which expressed appreciation to Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. for sponsoring community programs that provide for exhibitions, general operations, and maintenance of Citrus County's museum and historic courthouse.

7. New Business

Board of Director Officers

The current slate of officers serving on the Board of Directors, Black Diamond Foundation Inc., agreed to continue their duties for another one-year term, if approved by a vote of the Board. The current slate includes: Bill Joens, Chairman; Dave Burns, Vice Chairman; Jim Briley, Treasurer; and Jill Ludowese, Secretary.

MOVED BY: CHARLOTTE MCKIM
SECONDED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG

That the current officers of the Board of Directors, Black Diamond Foundation, Inc., remain in position through December 2014.

APPROVED.

Foundation Annual Report

Susan Savard will prepare the 2014 Annual Report for publication and mid-February release.

8. Articles for 2014 Club Newsletter – “Happenings”

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

Jan	SOS	Charlotte McKim	due Dec 15
Feb	STEPS/CCF	Dave Burns	due Jan 15
Mar	BDJVC	Sue Pratt	due Feb 15
Apr	The Path Vegetable Garden	Steve Barnes	due Mar 15

9. Next Meetings and Adjournment

The Foundation will meet next at 4:00 pm on Monday, January 6, 2014 in the clubhouse boardroom. Additional meeting dates in 2014 are: February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, Nov 3, and Dec 1.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm, Monday, December 2, 2013.

Jill Ludowese, Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.

Thursday, December 26, 2013