

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.
Monday, November 3, 2014, 2:00 pm
Black Diamond Ranch Club
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Steve Barnes, Dave Burns, Bill Joens, Jill Ludowese, Charlotte McKim, Susan Pratt (via phone link), Sharron Rosenberg

Absent: Jim Briley, Mike Bays, Kent Rinker, Susan Savard

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm, November 3, 2014.

2. Approval of Minutes, April 28, 2014

The Minutes of April 28, 2014, were approved as written.

3. Treasurer's Report

Chairman Bill Joens presented the Monthly Financial Report for Jim Briley. As of today's meeting, the Foundation has \$232,389.99 in unrestricted funds.

4. Community Grant Requests

YMCA of the Suncoast

On June 1, 2014, the Board approved a distribution of funds by e-vote that requires confirmation at today's Board meeting. Jim and Dona Wood specified that \$1,000 of their annual donation made through the Valspar Championship's "Birdies for Charity" program be allocated to the YMCA of the Suncoast, specifically for their building fund. Because Valspar matches donated funds, the grant from Black Diamond Foundation to the YMCA totaled \$1,111.22.

MOVED BY: CHARLOTTE MCKIM
SECONDED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$1,111.22 (One thousand, one hundred-eleven dollars, and 22 cents) to the YMCA of the Suncoast specifically for the building fund supporting construction of the new YMCA facility in Lecanto.

APPROVED.

Citrus County Historical Society

The Foundation received a letter from the Citrus County Historical Society announcing the 5th Annual Florida Elvis Festival to be held in February 2015. Black Diamond

Foundation has sponsored this event in past years, which allocates funds to preserve our 1912 Courthouse, provide educational programs, and present new historical exhibitions.

MOVED BY: JILL LUDOWESE
SECONDED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$500 (Five hundred dollars) to the Citrus County Historical Society, Inc. to serve as Bronze-level sponsors of the 2015 Florida Elvis Festival to support the preservation of the Old Citrus County Courthouse and promote new museum exhibitions.

APPROVED.

Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast

The Early Learning Coalition (ELC) annual fundraising dinner will be held on 14 November. Bill Joens will attend to represent Black Diamond Foundation. 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. The Foundation has provided \$36,000 to ELC since 2006, to support early childhood education initiatives.

MOVED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG
SECONDED BY: CHARLOTTE McKIM

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.

Citrus County Family Resource Center (CCFRC)

Sharron Rosenberg reported that CCFRC had requested funds to support emerging operational needs at the Center. The water pump at their facility recently broke down. Thus, the facility is without water until the pump is replaced. Additionally, the computer used by administrative staff needs to be replaced. Total estimated cost to resolve these issues is just over \$2,000.

MOVED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG
SECONDED BY: CHARLOTTE McKIM

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$2,500 (Two thousand, five hundred dollars) to Citrus County Family Resource Center to purchase a new water pump for the facility, and replace outdated computer equipment.

APPROVED.

5. Old Business.

Community Food Bank

The Board agreed to form a committee to meet with leaders of the Community Food Bank to determine how Black Diamond Foundation can help further their initiatives to fight hunger in Citrus County. Bill Joens, Dave Burns, Sharron Rosenberg and Kent Rinker will participate, and present their findings next month.

Salvation Army of Citrus County

Captain Phil Irish provided a written update in late September that Bill Joens shared with the Board. The Army has raised half the funds needed to pay off the mortgage on their new facility, which continues to experience expanded use by the community. They have added new food education and cooking classes in the kitchen and multi-purpose room Black Diamond Foundation supported. The multi-purpose room was also used for a resources and job fair over the summer.

6. New Business.

Birdies for Charity

The Bonus Pool for the 2015 Valspar Championship, presented by BB&T Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities program, will guarantee a 15% Bonus Pool payment on the first \$100,000 in paid pledges/donations received on behalf of Black Diamond Foundation. Black Diamond Foundation will establish January 31, 2015, as the target suspense for payments to be forwarded for matching funds. The Bonus Pool payment is an increase over previous years, when Black Diamond Foundation received 10% on the first \$75,000 donated in its name. Jay Joines and Bill Joens are working to publicize via email and closed circuit TV within the Black Diamond community.

West Central Florida Honor Flight Golf Tournament

During the Board's summer hiatus, Bill Joens received a letter of invitation to partner with the West Central Florida Honor Flight program to host a golf tournament fund raiser at Black Diamond in early 2015. Since most members of the Black Diamond Foundation Board of Directors are heavily involved with planning for and hosting the Foundation's own Pro-Am Golf Tournament each January, it was determined that volunteering to partner with, or host tournaments for, other non-profit agencies was beyond the Board's capabilities. Chairman Joens will reply to the letter of invitation accordingly.

Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance

Dates for Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance activities are:

19 November, 6pm – Pack Food Boxes at the Citrus County Auditorium, Inverness

22 November, 9am – Distribute Boxes in the Walmart Parking Lot, Inverness

7. Articles for 2014 Club Newsletter – “Happenings”

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

Dec	Volunteering in Citrus County	Sharron Rosenberg	due Nov 15
Jan	Community Food Bank Update	Dave Burns	due Dec 15
Feb	TBD		
Mar	YMCA	Sue Pratt	due Feb 15

8. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Board will meet again on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 1:00 pm in the clubhouse boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 pm, Monday, November 3, 2014.

Jill Ludowese, Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.

Wednesday, November 16, 2014