

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.
Monday, December 7, 2015, 4:00 pm
Black Diamond Ranch Club
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Steve Barnes, Dave Burns, Bill Joens, Foster Lamm, Charlotte McKim, Joan Plunkett, Susan Pratt, Jon Radabaugh, Kent Rinker, Sharron Rosenberg, Susan Savard

Absent: Mike Bays, Jill Ludowese

Guests: DuWayne Sipper, Executive Director, The Path of Citrus County, and wife Kathryn Sipper
Connie Lobel, Treasurer, The Path of Citrus County
Jay Joines, Past Chairman, Black Diamond Foundation

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, December 7, 2015.

2. Presentations

The Path of Citrus County

Founded in 2001, The Path provides food and shelter to the homeless in Citrus and Marion counties. DuWayne Sipper, his wife Kathryn, and Connie Lobel presented a short video that outlined how the 2015 Black Diamond Foundation community grant to The Path was utilized to benefit Citrus County residents.

Items purchased with grant monies included a used Town and Country van, as well as a "shed" structure, and manure spreader for the Path's Farm Co-op. The farm shed is enclosed, and is equipped with running water and electricity. It can be used for multiple purposes, from washing vegetables grown on the farm to making indoor repairs to farm equipment. Since the van cost less than the \$10,000 estimated for purchase, they used the funds saved to buy the manure spreader needed for the farm.

The Sippers then distributed two booklets: The Family Rescue Mission Campaign specifically prepared for Black Diamond Foundation, and The Family Rescue Mission Campaign - Case for Support.

Mr. Sipper announced that they have finished an agreement to purchase the Beverly Hills Motel for \$1,090,000. The contract should be signed by the end of December 2015. Purchasing the property will add 30 rooms, a chapel, and a restaurant to the Path's Beverly Hills footprint. There are plans to create efficiency units within the hotel facility that can be used to house families - something The Path has not been able to accommodate in the past due to its current facilities set up with separate male and female dormitories.

It is estimated that the new facility, renovation costs, and expanded staff requirements will reflect a need for approximately \$3.3 million. Mr. Sipper announced that Citrus County residents have donated \$750,000 in private funds toward this effort. The Path

has hired a Capital Campaign Consultant to lead their fundraising efforts. The Capital Campaign will run from January 1, 2015, until December 31, 2017.

Mr. Sipper also gave a brief overview of the needs of Citrus County residents, since The Path has to turn away 75% of those who telephone needing assistance. He said the Capital Campaign Fund is separate from the Annual Fund, which still requires Foundation support.

Chairman Bill Joens thanked Mr. Sipper for his presentation.

3. Approval of Minutes, November 2, 2015

The Minutes of November 2, 2015, were approved as written.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Susan Savard presented the Monthly Financial Report. As of today's meeting, the Foundation has assets totaling \$269, 409.32; of that total \$214,409.32 are considered unrestricted funds. Expenses remain low at \$1,505.99. The Foundation has granted \$180,595.00 to Citrus County charitable organizations to date in 2015.

Jay Joines made had a brief presentation about the upcoming ProAm golf tournament scheduled for January 25, 2016. He distributed pledge cards for the 2016 Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities program to those who asked for them.

5. Community Grant Requests

Take Stock in Children (TSIC)

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: SHARRON ROSENBERG
SECONDED BY: SUSAN PRATT

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

APPROVED.

Obligation of 2015 Restricted Funds

Treasurer Susan Savard noted that the Board needed to approve funding for specific non-profit organizations as designated by Foundation donors in 2015. These community

grants include \$4,000 to the YMCA of the Suncoast, and \$1,000 to the Salvation Army in Citrus County.

MOVED BY: DAVE BURNS
SECONDED BY: CHARLOTTE McKIM

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$4,000 (Four thousand dollars) to the YMCA of the Suncoast Building Fund at the request of the Campbell family.

APPROVED.

MOVED BY: DAVE BURNS
SECONDED BY: CHARLOTTE McKIM

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$1,000 (One thousand dollars) to the Salvation Army in Citrus County at the request of the Campbell family.

APPROVED.

6. Old Business

Covenant Children's Home

Susan Savard received and presented new materials from the Covenant Children's Home, addressing costs for playground equipment and associated insurance. Chairman Bill Joens would like to see an updated, current financial statement. If received in time to assess the content, the Board will consider the request in January 2016.

Nature Coast Ministries Samaritan Free Dental Clinic

Kent Rinker was able to tour the new Samaritan Free Dental Clinic facilities, and is hopeful that it will open soon. The new Clinic is conveniently located in Crystal River near a bus stop. The dental equipment is installed, and they reportedly have six dentists ready to volunteer services. They are planning an Open House to introduce the facility to the community.

Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance Review

As a follow-up to Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance activities, Jay Joines presented statistical information about Citrus County that point to the problems facing members of our community.

- Population has risen from 54,000 in 1980, to 118,000 in 2000, to 141,000 in 2010
- 15% of the population is 18 years or younger, 35 % is 65 years or older, 14% are Veterans
- The average per capita income is \$23,400/year
- 31% live in poverty, compared to 24% for the rest of the state
- 62% of public school students qualify for reduced cost lunches
- Citrus County has the 5th highest unemployment rate, at 6.8%

7. New Business

Officer Slate for 2016 Foundation Board

Chairman Bill Joens presented the 2016 officer slate for the Board of Directors, Black Diamond Foundation, Inc., as recommended by the nominating committee:

Jill Ludowese, Chairman
Foster Lamm, Vice-Chairman
Susan Savard, Treasurer
Joan Plunkett, Secretary

MOVED BY: KENT RINKER
SECONDED BY: CHARLOTTE McKIM

That the nominating committee's slate be approved as presented, with officers assuming their new duties on February 1, 2016.

APPROVED.

8. Articles for Club Newsletter – “Happenings”

Copy is due to Sally Ince (since@blackdiamondranch.com), by stated suspense.

Jan	CYESO	Dave Burns	due Dec 15
Feb	Samaritan Dental Clinic	Kent Rinker	due Jan 16
Mar	Pro-Am Thank You	Bill Joens	due Feb 16

9. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Board will meet next on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 4:00 pm in the clubhouse boardroom. Additional meeting dates for 2016 are: February 1, February 29, April 4, May 2, November 7, and December 5.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm, Monday, December 7, 2015.

Joan Plunkett, Acting Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.

Tuesday, December 22, 2015