

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.
Monday, January 4, 2016, 4:00 pm
Black Diamond Ranch Club
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Steve Barnes, Foster Lamm, Jill Ludowese, Charlotte McKim, Joan Plunkett, Susan Pratt, Jon Radabaugh, Kent Rinker, Sharron Rosenberg, Susan Savard

Absent: Mike Bays, Dave Burns, Bill Joens

Guests: John Bourdeaux, Executive Director, Serving Our Savior, Inc.
Kari Peters, Executive Director, Aspire Relationship Center
Katie Neely, Program Manager, Aspire Relationship Center
Steve Lamb, Title Sponsor, Black Diamond Foundation Pro-Am
Paul Siano, Event Coordinator, Black Diamond Invitational Car Show
Jay Joines, Past Chairman, Black Diamond Foundation

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, January 4, 2016.

2. Presentations

Serving Our Savior (SOS) Food Pantry

The SOS Food Pantry represents the combined effort of nine area churches to help fight hunger in Citrus County. Since 2008, Black Diamond Foundation has contributed \$42,150 to help SOS purchase food and operate their pantry. In 2015, SOS distributed 297,907 pounds of food items to an average of 480 local families per month.

SOS gets many of its provisions from the Citrus County Community Food Bank, particularly meat and produce. It purchases non-perishables from Sav A Lot at a discount rate. Families may pick up food items from the SOS pantry every other week. Of the total persons served: 56% are ages 18-64, 27% are children below the age of 17, and 17% are seniors over 65.

SOS is requesting a community grant of \$10,000 for 2016. This is a \$2,500 increase over their 2015 requirements. Food costs are slightly higher, and the number of clients served by the pantry is not decreasing. SOS is also asking for greater contributions in 2016 from their supporting churches, and in addition to their Christmas Ball fundraiser, is hosting a golf tournament this year to bring in additional resources.

Chair-elect Jill Ludowese thanked Mr. Bourdeaux for his presentation.

Black Diamond Invitational Car Show

Steve Lamb and Paul Siano discussed the status of the Invitational Car Show. The second annual event, held in November 2015 at Black Diamond Ranch, was seen as a success with quality classic cars on display and enthusiastic participation from the local community. Paul Siano will serve as the event coordinator moving forward, with title sponsorship from Crystal Automotive Group.

Mr. Lamb and Mr. Siano would like to involve Black Diamond Foundation to help promote this event in future years as a fund raiser to support Citrus County charitable organizations. To do so, the Foundation would have to oversee the financial aspects of the Car Show, in the same way it handles contributions and expenditures for its Annual Pro-Am Golf Tournament.

The Car Show made a small profit last year, with minimal fees to car owners and no charge for admission to the general public. With small modification to the event fees going forward, the coordinators feel the Car Show could be a significant fund raising event for Black Diamond Foundation, and of great benefit to the community charitable organizations identified for the proceeds.

Mr. Lamb and Mr. Siano reiterated that they were not asking Black Diamond Foundation to plan and run the Car Show. As he did in 2015, Mr. Siano will be coordinating volunteers from across the Black Diamond community to organize and execute the event.

Chair-elect Jill Ludowese thanked Mr. Lamb for his continued support of Black Diamond Foundation, and Mr. Siano for volunteering his time and talent to establish the Invitational Car Show as a premier event in our community.

Aspire Relationship Center/The RIVER Project

Kari Peters and Katie Neely gave an update to the Board about Aspire's current program initiatives. Aspire's "The RIVER Project" provides an 8-week curriculum (one day per week) to Citrus County 9th grade students, as well as some 8th grade students, regarding individual health and healthy relationships. Each class session is 90 minutes long. The curriculum for the school programs are listed on line at aspirerelationshipcenter.com.

Aspire has been conditionally approved for a three-year renewable Sexual Risk Avoidance grant through the Florida Department of Health. The grant represents matching funds of \$100,000 up to \$250,000, depending on the amount of financial support Aspire can raise, as well as in-kind support it can document from within the County.

To receive this grant, Aspire must hit a minimum threshold of \$100,000 in community grants, private contributions, and in-kind support during 2016. The Department of Health matching funds will enable Aspire to fulfill its goal of saturating the community with healthy relationship education, to include providing Citrus County high school and middle school students with an expanded 22-hour interactive training program.

Chair-elect Jill Ludowese thanked Ms. Peters and Ms. Neely for their presentation.

3. Approval of Minutes, December 7, 2015

The Minutes of December 7, 2015, were approved with minor corrections.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Susan Savard presented the Monthly Financial Report. As of today's meeting, the Foundation has assets totaling \$282,911.35; of that total \$232,911.35 are considered

unrestricted funds. The Foundation granted \$197,595.00 to Citrus County charitable organizations in 2015. Since she was still receiving contributions in the mail dated in 2015, Treasurer Savard will report final annual revenues at the next Board meeting.

5. Community Grant Requests

Aspire Relationship Center/The RIVER Project

The RIVER Project is classified as Sexual Risk Avoidance instruction, and focuses on the importance of relationship education and skill building in order to reduce dating violence, unplanned pregnancy, STD transmission, bullying, and poverty.

As noted earlier in the meeting, Aspire is requesting a community grant to help them reach a matching fund threshold of \$100,000 for a three-year renewable grant from the State of Florida Department of Health. This grant will enable Aspire to expand their high school and middle school programs, and reach more students throughout Citrus County.

MOVED BY: FOSTER LAMM
SECONDED BY: CHARLOTTE MCKIM

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to Aspire Relationship Center in order to provide relationship education training to Citrus County high school and middle school students in 2016/2017.

APPROVED.

Serving Our Savior (SOS) Ministries

SOS submitted a community grant request to help purchase food items for their pantry, supporting 100-150 Citrus County families each week. SOS fully utilizes food items available at the Citrus County Food Bank. However, there are weeks that needed food items are not available at the Food Bank, and must be purchased elsewhere. In 2015, SoS distributed 297,907 pounds of food to low income families in Citrus County.

MOVED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG
SECONDED BY: SUSAN PRATT

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to Serving Our Savior, Inc. to support food pantry operations serving Citrus County residents.

APPROVED.

Citrus County Blessings

The Citrus County Blessings program provides weekend food for primary school students from low income families who receive subsidized meals during the school year. The Black Diamond Junior Volunteer Corps (BDJVC) mobilizes once a month to pack food items in backpacks for these children to take home. The cost for one student to take

home food for the weekends in \$3.60. That equates to \$125 per student for the school calendar year.

The Blessings program expects to feed over 1,200 students this year. They are serving all 11 Citrus County elementary schools, as well as 2 middle schools, and 1 high school. They hope to be able to include the four remaining public schools soon.

The Citrus County Blessings Annual 5K/10K race and 1 Mile Walk/Run, held each February, benefits this valuable community program. They have asked the Foundation to continue its annual Platinum-level (\$5,000) sponsorship.

MOVED BY: KENT RINKER
SECONDED BY: JON RADABAUGH

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$5,000 (Five thousand dollars) to Citrus County Blessings to help provide weekend nourishment for Citrus County boys and girls from low income families.

APPROVED.

6. Old Business

Covenant Children's Home

The Board discussed the request for support from Covenant Children's Home to install playground equipment for their six to eight minor residents. The majority concurred that the use of funds for this purpose was not well-aligned with Foundation's Mission or stated Areas of Involvement.

The Path of Citrus County

The Board discussed the presentation made last month by DuWayne Sipper, Executive Director, The Path of Citrus County. It was agreed that the Board would request a list of The Path's 2016 General Fund needs before moving forward with their community grant request.

Nature Coast Ministries (NCM) Samaritan Free Dental Clinic

Kent Rinker and Charlotte McKim met with Nature Coast Ministries Executive Director, Gary Mieman. The Free Dental Clinic has re-opened in Crystal River. NCM is reaching out to schedule the 80 patients that were on the waiting list for care prior to their temporary closure in January 2015.

NCM estimates their operating costs to be roughly \$4,000/month. They would like to come back and brief the Board of Directors in April or May to report current operating expenses with three to four months of experience in the new facility.

NCM plans to host an Open House in the near future. Kent Rinker will send an email to Board Members who would like to attend. Foster Lamm and Joan Plunkett indicated they were interested in touring the new facility.

7. New Business

Election of New Board Member

The Board of Directors reviewed the resume of one candidate who has volunteered to fill a vacant position on the 2016 slate. The remaining two candidates have not yet sent written responses to Chairman Bill Joens.

Once all the Board vacancies for 2016 are filled, the Chairman will coordinate an orientation meeting for new Directors to acquaint them with Foundation mission, history, community activities, fundraising, and Board processes/procedures.

MOVED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG

SECONDED BY: JOAN PLUNKETT

That Mary Jane Bower be elected to serve a three-year term as a member of the Board of Directors, Black Diamond Foundation, effective January 4, 2016.

APPROVED.

Black Diamond Invitational Car Show Relationship

The Board discussed the proposal made earlier in the meeting to involve Black Diamond Foundation in the promotion of the Black Diamond Invitational Car Show, as well as execute financial accounting tasks, and distribute proceeds to designated charitable organizations in Citrus County after the event.

The Board concurred that establishing this relationship could benefit both parties moving forward. Jon Radabaugh volunteered to serve as Black Diamond Foundation liaison with the Black Diamond Invitational Car Show Event Coordinator and his staff.

Jill Ludowese will coordinate an initial meeting with Paul Siano later this month to discuss the way ahead. If the relationship is solidified for 2016, Susan Savard will establish a separate Foundation checking account for Invitational Car Show deposits and expenditures.

In the interim, Mr. Siano asked the Board to consider and help designate three local charities to receive proceeds from the 2016 Black Diamond Invitational Car Show.

MOVED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG

SECONDED BY: JOAN PLUNKETT

That the proposed benefactors of the 2016 Black Diamond Invitational Car Show include: The Community Food Bank of Citrus County; The YMCA of the Suncoast, Citrus County Branch; and The Path of Citrus County.

APPROVED.

Thank You to Outgoing Directors

Chair-elect Jill Ludowese thanked outgoing Board members Sharron Rosenberg, Steve Barnes and Chairman Bill Joens for their numerous contributions to Black Diamond

Foundation over the years, and invited all Board members to remain after the meeting for cake and champagne to celebrate their accomplishments.

8. Articles for Club Newsletter – “Happenings”

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

Feb	Samaritan Dental Clinic	Kent Rinker	due Jan 16
Mar	Pro-Am Thank You	Bill Joens	due Feb 16
Apr	CCEF Teacher Grants	Sue Pratt	due Mar 16

9. Next Meeting and Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm, Monday, January 4, 2016.

Jill Ludowese, Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.

Thursday, January 14, 2016