

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc  
Monday, January 8, 2007, 4:00 pm  
Boardroom, Black Diamond Country Club  
Lecanto, Florida

**Present:** Lloyd Beasley, Jim Briley, Dave Burns, Kevin Conway, Al Coogler, Bill Joens, Jay Joines, Nancy Manafort, Bob Plaisted, Jim Wood, Linda Youell

Linda Daly, Vic Nery, Susan Pratt, Paul Slosberg, John Williams

Guest: Diana McIntosh, Director, CASA - Citrus Abuse Shelter Association

**1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, January 8, 2007.**

**2. Review of Minutes, Monday, December 4, 2006**

The minutes were approved as distributed.

**3. Remembrance Garden Presentation**

The Remembrance Garden opened in January 1999. It has been constructed and maintained by members, using donated funds. The Remembrance Garden Committee has turned the maintenance over to Black Diamond, and dissolved. The Committee donated the remainder funds to the Foundation, with the request that they be used in the Foundation's scholarship program.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Jim Briley distributed the Foundation's financial statement, a/o December 31, 2006, showing the Foundation's net assets at \$112,869, including \$2800 from the Black Diamond Remembrance Garden Committee, and 85 donations totaling \$14,000 for the Meagan Fund of United Pentecostal Church.

He will file the Foundation's new registration to apply for permanent designation as a 501(c)3 charity.

**5. Old Business**

The Foundation has received thank-you letters from Kristen Pepe, a scholarship recipient, and NAMI-Citrus.

Kevin Conway circulated the program from the 2006-2007 Grant Awards Celebration of the Citrus County Education Foundation. Black Diamond Foundation sponsored six grants.

**6. Election of Officers**

Current officers of the Foundation are Jay Joines, President; Jim Briley, Treasurer; Lloyd Beasley, Assistant Treasurer; Linda Youell, Secretary. The Foundation needs a Vice-President.

**MOVED BY: DAVE BURNS**

**SECONDED BY: KEVIN CONWAY**

**That Al Coogler be Vice-President, and that all current officers be confirmed in their posts.**

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **7. Project List Review**

The Foundation reviewed the list of completed, current, and proposed projects.

Al Coogler reported on the Foundation's scholarship students at Withlacoochee Institute. Three have completed their programs; two have withdrawn for personal reasons, unrelated to scholastic achievement; one is continuing for the second semester. He circulated a letter from Brenda Miley-Kelley, outlining the scholarship selection criteria. Each semester at Withlacoochee costs \$1000 for tuition and books.

**MOVED BY: DAVE BURNS**

**SECONDED BY: JIM WOOD**

**That the Foundation offer two additional scholarships to Withlacoochee Institute.**

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Jim Wood reported on the recruiting success of Big Brothers - Big Sisters in Citrus County, including among Black Diamond residents. Each "Big-Little" match costs approximately \$1000, including background checks. Last year, the Foundation granted \$7000 to support matches of Citrus County children. In addition to the "Big-Little" matches, there is also the opportunity to mentor students at school.

**MOVED BY: AL COOGLER**

**SECONDED BY: NANCY MANAFORT**

**That Black Diamond Foundation award \$8000 (Eight Thousand Dollars) to Big Brothers - Big Sisters to facilitate "Big-Little" matches of Citrus County children.**

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Al Coogler reminded members that the Foundation's early support of the Sertoma mentoring program enabled the success of the Big Brothers - Big Sisters program, and that it was a story that deserved to be told.

## **8. Communications Review**

Members acknowledged the Foundation needs to communicate its successes to the Black Diamond community and to the greater Citrus County community.

**ACTION: JAY JOINES and JIM WOOD will ask for a regular space in each month's *Black Diamond Happenings* to discuss the Foundation's programs. A good first topic would be the Foundation's special relationship with Big Brothers - Big Sisters.**

## **9. Habitat Committee Report**

On January 5th, Kevin Conway convened a group to explore the possibility of the Foundation sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity house in Citrus County, inspired by the success of the "Carter Build" - sponsored by Jan and Mike Carter and friends in honor of the Carters' 50th wedding anniversary. The Committee proposed that Black Diamond Foundation approve the goal of raising \$60,000 over two years, and recommended that fundraising for this project be separate from the Foundation's regular annual appeal. Kevin circulated a report from the committee.

Discussion ensued:

- . Joines - Is it prudent to commit to such a large project, when there are many unmet needs in Citrus County?
  - What would happen if the Foundation and donors did not meet the goal?
  - A donation of \$100 from each Black Diamond resident would meet the goal.
- . Manafort - Is there a minimum amount to be a major sponsor?
- . Conway - Support for the Meagan Fund demonstrates that donors will support a unique, identifiable project.
- . Plaisted - There would be excellent publicity from the project - helping the Foundation's communications goals.
- . Burns - The Foundation's goals are to benefit as many Citrus County residents as possible. A Habitat house helps one family.
- . Daly - A Habitat build is a very upbeat enterprise - it builds community spirit. She was the general contractor for Citrus County's first "Women Build", and has agreed to help guide the next "Women Build". She would lend her expertise to a "Black Diamond Build".
- . Slosberg - A Foundation build would be an opportunity for the community to work together, to become a part of the Foundation.
- . Youell - Generally, families who receive a Habitat house use social services less, move up to better-paying jobs, have children who improve their academic standing. It is a way to improve the larger community, one family at a time.
- . Joens - The Foundation will have a better picture of its financial ability, after the Pro-Am Golf Tournament.

**ACTION: The proposal for a Black Diamond Foundation Habitat for Humanity build will be discussed at the February 2007 meeting.**

## **10. Pro-Am Update**

Jay Joines reported that 20 golf professionals have committed to participate in the tournament. The net proceeds might be lower this year than in years past because Black Diamond Club is charging the Foundation \$5000 for the golf course. However, that expense might be offset by the sponsorship of Duval Motors of Gainesville.

## **11. New Business**

Diana McIntosh, executive director of CASA - Citrus Abuse Shelter Association, updated the Foundation on progress of CASA's new shelter. In March 2005, CASA received a State grant of \$883,119 to construct a new 30-bed shelter. Ms McIntosh is optimistic that construction will commence in March 2007, and be complete in nine to twelve months. The grant does not include any funds for furniture or equipment for the shelter or outreach office. She distributed a list of furniture needs.

Currently, CASA is housing 22 people in its 16-bed shelter. In 2006, CASA provided 1000 more days of shelter than in 2005.

**MOVED BY: NANCY MANAFORT**

**SECONDED BY: LINDA YUELL**

**That Black Diamond Foundation grant \$10,000 to CASA to furnish and equip the public spaces of the new shelter, e.g., reception areas. The monies will be awarded when CASA places orders for the furnishings and equipment.**

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **12. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The Foundation will meet on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 2:00 pm in the Clubhouse Boardroom. Please note the earlier time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Linda M Youell  
January 19, 2007