

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc  
Monday, March 1, 2010, 4:00 pm  
Boardroom, Black Diamond Ranch Club  
Lecanto, Florida

**Present:** Mike Bays, Jim Briley, Dave Burns, Bill Joens, Nancy Manafort, Susan Pratt,  
Anil Ram, Sharron Rosenberg, Art Thomas, Bill Williams, Jim Wood, Linda Youell

Jay Joines

Guests: representing Big Brothers Big Sisters  
- Ms Sheri Chancey, President of Citrus Leadership Council  
- Ms Sheree Monroe, Community Outreach Manager

representing YMCA of the Suncoast, Citrus County Programs  
- Ms Jewel Lamb, Citrus Advisory Board  
- Mr Doug Lobel, Citrus Advisory Board  
- Ms Amber Slusser, District Program Director

**1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, March 1, 2010.**

**2. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Citrus County**

Sheree Munroe and Sheri Chancey thanked Black Diamond Foundation for its support of Big Brothers Big Sisters, which began in 2006, with a \$7000 grant to facilitate seven "big-little matches" of Citrus County children. Since then, the Foundation has granted \$8000 annually, which funds eight "big-little matches" of Citrus County kids. The Foundation is the single largest group that supports Big Brothers Big Sisters.

In addition to the one-on-one "big-little matches", Big Brothers Big Sisters wishes to increase the number of adult mentors involved in on-site mentoring, which currently helps 40 to 50 students in schools.

BBBS's long-range goal is to establish a sustainability fund, which would help the organization weather fluctuations in funding and support. Programs take 91% of BBBS's budget.

Ms Munroe distributed information about BBBS in Pinellas, Hernando and Citrus Counties: typically, 96% of children in "big-little matches" continue to the next grade; 96% stay out of the juvenile justice system. Almost all avoid teen pregnancy.

Dave Burns asked that Sheree Munroe provide data specific to Citrus County.

The Foundation thanked Ms Chancey and Ms Munroe for their presentation.

**3. YMCA of the Suncoast**

In April 2009, Black Diamond Foundation awarded \$5000 to YMCA of the Suncoast to subsidize Citrus County children and youth who would otherwise be unable to attend the summer programs offered by the Y in Citrus County. In Summer 2009, 214 children attended 800 weeks of camp in Citrus County; 35 were fully or partially funded with a total of \$6277 in subsidies, which includes the Foundation's \$5000 grant.

New members on the local Advisory Board are Jay Joines, member of Black Diamond, and Lace Blue-McLean.

In the current economy, the Y has suspended its capital campaign for Citrus County, to concentrate on providing programs and services in rented or borrowed facilities. The goal for 2010 is to have 400 Citrus County children experience the summer camps.

The Y requested a grant from Black Diamond Foundation, similar to the 2009 grant.

Chairman Joens thanked Ms Lamb, Ms Slusser and Doug Lobel for the presentation.

#### **4. Approval of Minutes, February 1, 2010**

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report, February 28, 2010**

Jim Briley reported that the Foundation has started 2010 in good shape. It has almost \$98,000 in unrestricted funds, including \$48,000 from the Foundation's pro-am golf tournament on January 27, 2010. To date, \$56,730 has been donated to Transitions Championship for Healthy Sight, on behalf of Black Diamond Foundation. That amount is eligible for the 15% bonus guarantee, which means the Foundation will receive approximately \$65,000 when the Championship is complete.

#### **6. Flag Sales during Rider Cup, March 10-11, 2010**

Sue Pratt, Nancy Manafort, Sharron Rosenberg, Veena Ram, Beth Joens, Barb Smith, and Rebecca Bays will have flags of Argentina and USA for sale on the practice tee, as a fundraiser for the Foundation. Bill Joens will prepare the schedule. It's likely that all the flags will be sold on the first day of play.

#### **7. Education Funding Guidelines**

Sue Pratt, Dave Burns and Art Thomas met with Dr Vernon Lawter, Provost of Citrus Campus, Central Florida Community College, and Ms Lisa Lombardo, Director of Development, CFCC Foundation, to finalize the scholarship criteria. Currently, the State of Florida is not matching grants, but has promised that it will make up the shortfall.

For 2010, Black Diamond Foundation's scholarships will be awarded as before – three, 4-year scholarships to graduates of Citrus County public high schools – with the new procedure beginning for the 2011 academic year. All current scholarship obligations will be met. The new procedure is a change in principle, not in the total amount of scholarship funds.

CFCC will account for the funds, and will provide information about the progress of the recipients.

#### **8. Old Business**

MOVED BY: Linda Youell  
SECONDED BY: Susan Pratt

That Black Diamond Foundation award \$250 (Two hundred fifty dollars) to Citrus Memorial Health Foundation, in support of the Randall Jenkins Memorial Golf Tournament, in honor of Dr Jenkins' leadership of health and medicine in Citrus County.

PASSED.

At the February 16<sup>th</sup> open house for "Take Stock in Children", Art Thomas presented the Foundation's \$2000 grant. Art circulated a thank-you note from Ms Pat Lancaster, which included an invitation to the awards celebration for "Take Stock in Children" on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pat Lancaster also reported that Toni-Marie Milton, who attended the December 2007 Foundation meeting as a Grade 9 student at Lecanto High School, is in Grade 11 at LHS, and is maintaining a 2.84 GPA.

Sue Pratt reported that the Vision Mobile, part of the Transitions Championship for Healthy Sight, will be at the Renaissance Center, Citrus County Public Schools, on Monday, March 8, and at the Family Resource Center on Tuesday, March 9.

## **9. New Business**

Bill Joens circulated an invitation from CFCC Foundation to its Annual Donors Reception on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Dave Burns will attend, and asked Foundation members to tell him if they will be attending.

Sue Pratt will write the Foundation's column for May 2010 "Happenings", on the Vision Mobile; and Art Thomas will write about the scholarship program for June's issue.

Following on Jim Briley's presentation in February of the Foundation's historic grant allocations, Dave Burns recommended that the Foundation consider setting percentages for the categories of support.

**ACTION:** Jim Briley and Bill Joens will develop a proposal over the summer, for presentation in October, in time for the 2011 giving year.

Discussion turned to the application from YMCA of the Suncoast. Members felt that subsidies for Citrus County children can make a real difference, and were in favor of increasing the Foundation's support.

**MOVED BY:** Dave Burns

**SECONDED BY:** Sharron Rosenberg

That Black Diamond Foundation award \$6500.00 (Sixty-five Hundred Dollars) to YMCA of the Suncoast, to subsidize Citrus County children and youth who would otherwise be unable to attend the summer programs offered by the Y in Citrus County.

APPROVED.

## **10. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting is Monday, April 5, at 4:00 pm in the Clubhouse boardroom. Ginger West, Executive Director of Citrus County Family Resource Center, will attend.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm, Monday, March 1, 2010.

Linda M Youell, Secretary  
12 March 2010