

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.  
Monday, May 6, 2013, 4:00 pm  
Black Diamond Ranch Club  
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Steve Barnes, Mike Bays, Bob Campbell, Jill Ludowese, Charlotte McKim,  
Susan Pratt, Sharron Rosenberg, Susan Savard

Absent: Dave Burns, Jim Briley, Bill Joens, Kent Rinker

**1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, March 4, 2013.**

**2. Approval of Minutes, April 8, 2013**

The Minutes of April 8, 2013 were approved as written.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of the Treasurer, Jim Briley, the Board voted to waive the monthly Treasurer's Report until the next scheduled meeting.

MOVED BY: SUSAN PRATT  
SECONDED BY: CHARLOTTE MCKIM

APPROVED.

**4. Community Grant Requests**

**Citrus United Basket (CUB)**

CUB requested a community grant to help fund their new building project. Although the request was accompanied by an annual budget, the financials provided did not reflect cash on hand in the general fund or annual income. The Foundation Board members could not make an informed decision on whether to support the request without those data points. The Board agreed to defer action pending receipt of CUB's updated annual report.

**ACTION:** Foundation Vice Chairman, DAVE BURNS, will send a letter to CEO, CUB to request an updated annual report.

**Community Food Bank of Citrus County**

The Foundation Board reviewed the Community Food Bank's request for funding to purchase refrigeration equipment for their new facility in Homosassa. Board members that visited the Food Bank facility in April 2013, were highly impressed with the quality of food, particularly fresh meat and produce, provided to area food pantries. The

organization appears to be on the right track in its fight to eradicate hunger in Citrus County.

MOVED BY: SUSAN SAVARD  
SECONDED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$15,000 (Fifteen thousand dollars) to the Community Food Bank of Citrus County to fund refrigeration infrastructure needs at their facility.

APPROVED.

### **Aspire Relationship Center, Inc.**

Aspire Relationship Center's RIVER Project works within the Citrus County school district to share a program about healthy sexuality with area teens. The RIVER Project is an interactive, risk-avoidance relationship education program that encourages youth to be intentional about choosing health and success in their relationship decisions. Its education program covers topics that include understanding the risks and consequences of early sexual activity, and teen dating violence prevention.

Susan Pratt reported that ASPIRE has requested funds to expand its relationship training to middle school students throughout Citrus County during the 2014 school year. Research has shown that teen mothers are less likely to finish high school or attend college. They also have a higher probability of living in poverty and relying on public assistance. Teen birth rates are higher in Citrus County than both state and national averages.

A Foundation grant of \$5,000 will support relationship training outreach to 50% of all 9<sup>th</sup> Graders in Citrus County schools during the upcoming school year.

MOVED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG  
SECONDED BY: SUSAN SAVARD

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$5,000 (Five thousand dollars) to Aspire Relationship Center, Inc. to fund relationship training for Citrus County Middle School students during the 2013/2014 school year.

APPROVED.

### **Citrus County Education Foundation, Inc. (CCEF)**

Susan Pratt outlined the CCEF community grant request designed to assist Citrus County teachers. CCEF provides curriculum grants of up to \$1,000 to local teachers to support their innovative, literacy-based projects and enhance classroom instructional activities. Black Diamond Foundation has sponsored this program since 2006.

MOVED BY: SUSAN SAVARD  
SECONDED BY: CHARLOTTE MCKIM

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$4,000 (Four thousand dollars) to the Citrus County Education Foundation, Inc. to support curriculum grants for Citrus County teachers during the 2013/2014 school year.

APPROVED.

## 5. Old Business.

### United Way Partnership Update

Susan Savard presented an update from United Way of Citrus County regarding the Foundation's community grant to provide "gap funding" to support GED students at Withlacoochee Technical Institute (WTI). Of the 26 students that began the GED program in January 2013, 5 will graduate on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Four have dropped out of school. The remaining students are still completing class work.

To date, the United Way has spent \$5,200 of the \$15,000 community grant. The "gap funding" is administered by WTI Guidance Counselor, Judy Johnson, and has primarily been used to cover student transportation costs and child care expenses.

**ACTION:** Dave Burns, Jill Ludowese, and Charlotte McKim will represent the Board at the WTI graduation ceremony at the Curtis Peterson Auditorium in Lecanto on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. New Business

### Fairman Charitable Trust

Former Chairman, Black Diamond Foundation, Mr. Jay Joines, met recently with Mr. John H. Eden, trustee of the Arthur B. Fairman Charitable Trust. The Fairman Trust provides grants for local community projects. Mr Joines suggested Black Diamond Foundation prepare a grant request to support hunger programs in Citrus County, and submit it to the Fairman Charitable Trust during their application window in May 2013. The Board members present agreed to form an ad-hoc committee, led by Charlotte McKim, to draft an application letter for submission to Mr Eden not later than May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**ACTION:** Charlotte McKim, Sharron Rosenberg, and Dave Burns coordinate to write a draft grant application letter for Bill Joens's approval on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Upon Chairman Joens' approval, Dave Burns will sign the letter and forward to the Fairman Charitable Trust by the May 13<sup>th</sup> deadline.

## 7. Articles for 2013 Club Newsletter – "Happenings"

Copy is due to Robin Yates ([ryates@blackdiamondranch.com](mailto:ryates@blackdiamondranch.com)), by stated suspense.

June	Daystar New Building	Steve Barnes	due May 15
July	United Way Partnership	Jill Ludowese	due Jun 15
Aug/Sep	YMCA Summer Camp	Jill Ludowese	due Jul 15
October	Citrus County Food Bank	Charlotte McKim	due Sep 15

## **8. Next Meetings and Adjournment**

Black Diamond Foundation normally suspends regular Board meetings during the summer months. A query of the Board of Directors indicated a quorum would not be present until November 2013.

MOVED BY:                   BOB CAMPBELL  
SECONDED BY:               CHARLOTTE MCKIM

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. suspend monthly Board of Directors meetings in Lecanto, Florida until November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

APPROVED.

The remaining meetings for 2013 will be held at 2:00 pm on Monday, November 4, and Monday, December 2, in the clubhouse boardroom. Black Diamond Club will post notices on Ch 19 and in the community newsletter. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm, Monday, May 6, 2013.

*Jill Ludowese*, Secretary  
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.

Thursday, May 9, 2013