

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc
Monday, March 5, 2012, 4:00 pm
Black Diamond Ranch Club
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Mike Bays, Jim Briley, Dave Burns, Bill Joens, Jill Ludowese (by phone),
Susan Pratt, Kent Rinker, Sharron Rosenberg, Susan Savard, Art Thomas,
Jim Wood, Linda Youell

Karen Evans, on behalf of Daystar Life Center
Jay Joines, on behalf of Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities

Guests: Bill Fischer, Chair, Finance Committee, Daystar Life Center, Inc
Denise Kennard, Executive Director, Daystar Life Center, Inc

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, March 5, 2012.

2. Daystar Life Center, Inc

Black Diamond Foundation, as well as individual members and residents of Black Diamond Club, have supported Daystar, particularly with its Thanksgiving Food Basket Project. Denise Kennard reported that requests for assistance continue to increase: In the second half of 2011, Daystar served 129 more households per month than in the first half of 2011, and distributed 2472 more pounds of food per month. Food costs are increasing. Daystar stores its inventory of non-perishable food on the second floor of their building, which is accessible by stairs only. Daystar is concerned about the safety of that storage area, especially when large quantities of food arrive from local food drives.

Daystar has received quotes to install a 20 ft x 30 ft food storage building adjacent to their existing offices. They are awaiting County permits and permission from the Diocese of St Petersburg, which owns the land. The estimated cost for the food storage building is \$29,000.

On another matter, Daystar has joined the Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance, and therefore will not be conducting its own Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Chairman Joens thanked the presenters for the information.

3. Approval of Minutes, February 6, 2012

Linda Youell corrected the Minutes: "The newly-approved Foundation Bylaws provide for a maximum of two consecutive, three-year terms. A previous Board member may serve again, after a two-year hiatus from the Board." The distributed Minutes read, "... after a three-year hiatus ...".

The Minutes were approved as corrected.

4. Treasurer's Report, February 2012

The Foundation has \$197,197.40 in unrestricted funds. Net receipts from the January 2012 Pro-Am of \$48,000 are the second-best ever.

Since inception, the Foundation has awarded almost \$910,000 in grants to Citrus County charities and educational institutions. It's likely the total will reach \$1 million by the end of 2012.

5. Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities

Jay Joines reported that donations up to Monday, March 12, will be eligible for the guaranteed 10% bonus pool.

The Transitions Championship for Healthy Sight runs from March 15 – 18, 2012.

Jay also reported that “Birdies” is exploring additional sponsor partnerships in the Tampa Bay area.

6. New Board Members Orientation

Bill Joens welcomed the three new Board members – Jill Ludowese (by conference call), Kent Rinker and Susan Savard.

He provided copies of the 2011 financial report, the grant application form, and directed the new members to the Foundation’s page on the Club’s website, which displays Foundation Minutes, Project Lists and Bylaws.

The Board briefly discussed historical distribution of funding, individual grants, and the summary of grants that Jim Briley had prepared.

Susan Savard will represent Black Diamond Foundation at a luncheon for Take Stock in Children.

7. “Happenings” Articles for 2012

Issue	Writer	Topic	Due Date
March	Art Thomas	Withlacoochee Tech Institute	In print
April	Sue Pratt & Sharron Rosenberg	Food needs in Citrus County	March 10
May	Dave Burns	College of Central Florida	April 10
June/ July	Mike Bays	YMCA	May 10
Aug/ Sept	Art Thomas	Early Learning, TSC, “back to school”	July 10
Oct/ Nov	Sharron Rosenberg	Family Resource C & Christmas project	Sep 10
Dec	Bill Joens	10 th Anniversary & \$1 million Party	Nov 10

Submit the articles to Doug Egly, General Manager of the Club.

8. Rider Cup Flag Sales

Rider Cup occurs on March 14 and 15. Board members and other volunteers will sell flags on the practice tee, as a Foundation fundraiser.

9. Old Business

Sue Pratt reported the 5-K fundraising race for Blessings in a Backpack had 300 participants and raised approximately \$39,000. Currently, six Citrus County elementary schools are on the program, with two more to be added soon. It's likely all 11 elementary schools will be participants by the end of 2012.

The organizers, including Black Diamond Junior Volunteer Corps, might offer a 10-K race next year, in addition to this 5-K.

Members of Black Diamond Junior Volunteer Corps are looking for more opportunities to earn volunteer hours, and also want to support the local Humanitarians.

Dave Burns reported that a trio from Citrus Youth Educational Symphonic Orchestra has performed.

Jordan, an employee at the Club's bag drop, is a recipient of one of the Foundation's scholarships at the law enforcement program at WTI.

Sue Pratt reported that she will be visiting the applicants for curriculum grants.

Sheriff Jeff Dawsy is optimistic that soon he will announce that Jessie's Place has received donated space.

10. New Business

The Board discussed Daystar's application.

MOVED BY: Jim Wood
SECONDED BY: Mike Bays

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc grant \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to Daystar Life Center, to support construction of the food storage facility, subject to project approval by Citrus County, and approval by the Diocese of St Petersburg.

Jim Wood distributed a draft of the 2011 Annual Report and Request for Contributions.

ACTION: Board Members will give their comments and corrections to Jim Wood, for consideration in the final copy.

Dave Burns received a request for support from “Golf for Meals”, a fundraiser for the Home Delivered Meals Program of Citrus County’s programs for seniors. The program, which is the local affiliate for “Meals on Wheels”, delivers meals to more than 400 people on a daily basis throughout the county. It costs \$900 per person per year.

Mike Bays has spoken with Cathy Pearson, assistant County administrator, about the program.

The Board directed Dave Burns to request more information, including a grant application. Dave will invite the Program to make a presentation at the Foundation’s April 2nd meeting.

11. Next Meetings and Adjournment

Black Diamond Foundation’s next meeting is Monday, April 2, 2012; 4:00 pm in the Clubhouse Boardroom. Guests include County Commissioner J J Kenney, representing Citrus County Veterans Foundation, Inc - a 501(c)(3); and a representative from Citrus County Services, on behalf of Senior Feeding Program (the County’s “Meals on Wheels” affiliate).

The Foundation’s “May 2012” meeting will be held on Monday, April 30, at 4:00 pm in the Boardroom.

The Foundation does not meet from June through to and including September, but can review applications by e-mail.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm, Monday, March 5, 2012.

Linda M Youell, Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc
07 March 2012

Additional Old Business

After adjournment, Sue Pratt added this information:

In 2012, the Family Resource Center and Citrus County Schools again applied for the VSP Vision Mobile to visit Citrus County. The Vision Mobile is associated with Transitions Golf Tournament. The unit had come to the county for two days in both 2010 and 2011, providing free glasses for over 70 individuals per year and leaving vouchers for 40 additional people. They were not able to come to the county this year but sent 50 vouchers to both the Family Resource Center and Citrus County Schools. In addition, VSP advised the schools to enroll Cathy Reckenwald, Student Health Specialist for the Citrus County School System, in the National School Nurses Association, which permits her to request free glasses throughout the year for additional needy students.

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