

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.
Monday, December 1, 2014, 1:00 pm
Black Diamond Ranch Club
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Steve Barnes, Mike Bays, Dave Burns, Jim Briley, Bill Joens, Jill Ludowese, Charlotte McKim, Susan Pratt, Sharron Rosenberg, Susan Savard

Absent: Kent Rinker

Guests: Sandy VanDervort, Certified School Counselor, Withlacoochee Technical College

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm, December 1, 2014.

2. Presentations

Withlacoochee Technical College (WTC)

Ms. VanDerVort gave a short presentation about changes that had taken place at WTC since administration members last met with the Foundation Board of Directors in April 2014. She noted that there is a total of \$28,477.67 on hand at WTC previously granted by Black Diamond Foundation that has not yet been allocated. She asked that the Board clarify how funds designated for “scholarships” might be used by the administration to better support their students.

The funding requirements for students in need at WTC do not just include tuition, but also instructional materials, equipment to benefit students, fees, industry certifications, and books. The WTC administration wants to ensure that using funds to support a full range of student needs, not just providing tuition scholarships, meets the intent of Black Diamond Foundation.

Ms. VanDervort noted that WTC was sufficiently funded now, but may need a Foundation grant for additional student assistance in April or May.

Chairman Joens thanked Ms. VanDervort for her presentation, and stated that the Board would send a letter to WTC’s Director, Mrs. Denise Willis, clarifying how the Foundation expects previously allocated grant funds to be used in support of WTC students.

3. Approval of Minutes, November 3, 2014

The Minutes of November 3, 2014, were approved as written.

4. Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Jim Briley presented the Monthly Financial Report. During November 2014,

the Foundation received \$10,850 from community resident contributions, and \$2,700 in memorial donations. As of today's meeting, the Foundation had \$234,326.42 in unrestricted funds.

5. Community Grant Requests

Take Stock in Children, Citrus/Levy

Take Stock in Children (TSIC) helps local youth escape the cycle of poverty through education. The program provides college scholarships to deserving, low income Citrus County students, volunteer mentors who provide motivation and support, and college readiness coaches to oversee progress and support academic endeavors. Black Diamond Foundation funds are matched dollar for dollar by the State of Florida.

MOVED BY: SUSAN PRATT
SECONDED BY: CHARLOTTE McKIM

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$12,000 (Twelve thousand dollars) to Take Stock in Children, Citrus/Levy to fund college tuition scholarships for deserving, low income Citrus County students.

APPROVED.

Salvation Army, Citrus County

The Salvation Army, Citrus County has requested funding assistance to support cold weather/family shelter programs in Citrus County during the winter season.

MOVED BY: DAVE BURNS
SECONDED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$4,000 (Four thousand dollars) to Salvation Army, Citrus County to support cold weather/family shelter programs for Citrus County residents.

APPROVED.

6. Old Business.

Community Food Bank of Citrus County

The Board received a report from the committee formed to meet with leaders of the Community Food Bank of Citrus County (CFBOCC) to determine how Black Diamond Foundation can help further their initiatives to fight hunger in Citrus County. Bill Joens, Dave Burns, and Sharron Rosenberg met with Tom Chancey, Duane Dueker, and Paul Cash at the CFBOCC facility in November.

The CFBOCC staff reported that they are now supporting 43 agencies/food pantries throughout Citrus County. They noted the supply of canned goods has diminished about 25%. Local donations of fresh produce are also down.

The Food Bank's most pressing need today is funding for a refrigerated truck, to supplement the one they have on hand. The additional truck would allow them to make more runs throughout North and Central Florida to pick up donated meat and fresh produce. Their current vehicle now carries 6,000 to 8,000 pounds of cargo. They need a vehicle with cargo capacity of 12,000 – 16,000 pounds, which will cost between \$75,000 (used) and \$125,000 (new).

The CFBOCC stated a commitment from Black Diamond Foundation for a series of community grants over a five-year period would help them leverage funding to support a bank loan to pay for their new cargo truck.

ACTION: Chairman Joens will send an email to Mr. Dueker asking that the CFBOCC Treasurer submit their year-end financials, and a completed Black Diamond Foundation grant request, that the Board of Directors may review both documents in early 2015.

Black Diamond Foundation Board of Director Candidates

Chairman Joens noted there were three highly qualified candidates who have prepared resume letters to be considered for the Board of Directors' Class of 2015. The Board will review all submissions, and vote on the new slate of candidates at next month's meeting.

7. New Business.

Election of Board of Director Officers

Three members of the current slate of officers serving on the Board of Directors, Black Diamond Foundation Inc., agreed to continue their duties for another one-year term, if approved by a vote of the Board. They includes: Bill Joens, Chairman; Dave Burns, Vice Chairman; and Jill Ludowese, Secretary. Susan Savard has agreed to serve as Treasurer, replacing Jim Briley at the conclusion financial activities associated with the annual Black Diamond Foundation Pro-Am Golf Tournament.

MOVED BY: MIKE BAYS
SECONDED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG

That BILL JOENS, Chairman; DAVE BURNS, Vice Chairman; and JILL LUDOWESE, Secretary, Black Diamond Foundation, Inc., remain in their elected positions through December 2015. And, that SUSAN SAVARD assume duties as Treasurer, Black Diamond Foundation not later than May 2015.

APPROVED.

Foundation Annual Report

Susan Savard will prepare the 2014 Annual Report for publication and mid-February release.

8. Articles for Club Newsletter – “Happenings”

Copy is due to Beverly Partain (bpartain@blackdiamondranch.com), by stated suspense.

Jan	Community Food Bank Update	Dave Burns	due Dec 15
Feb	Watts Interview	Charlotte McKim	due Jan 15
Mar	YMCA	Sue Pratt	due Feb 15
Apr	Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Steve Barnes	due Mar 15
May	Early Learning Coalition	Bill Joens	due Apr 15

9. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Board will meet next on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 4:00 pm in the clubhouse boardroom. Additional meeting dates for 2015 are: February 2, March 2, April 6, April 27, November 2, and December 7.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm, Monday, December 1, 2014.

Jill Ludowese, Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.

Monday, December 15, 2014