

Black Diamond Foundation
Monday, December 4, 2017
Black Diamond Club
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Jill Ludowese, Mary Jane Bower, Pat Monea, Susan Savard, Dave Burns, Dick Ragatz, Foster Lamm, Joan Plunkett, Jon Radabaugh, Kent Rinker

Absent: Karen Evans, Susan Pratt, Mark Yerman

Guests: Amy Meek, CEO, United Way of Citrus County
Josh White, Director, Mission United

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm, December 4, 2017.

2. Presentations

United Way, Mission United

Mission United was created to improve services for veterans in our community and provide support in coordination with, and beyond the scope of, the Citrus County Veterans Service office. There are roughly 26,000 veterans in Citrus County, the largest concentration in the State. Amy Meek and Josh White reviewed the history of Mission United, and described the successes to date. In the 12 months since inception and the fundraising process was begun, they have hired Josh White as Director in May 2017, and will soon add a social worker to the staff. Mission United has served 76 vets this year with such things as financial assistance, housing, legal, recreation, support groups, employment and education. They have also worked to bring a coalition of local veteran service organizations together to help in this effort.

Jill Ludowese asked Mission United to submit current financials for 2017, and to indicate what specifically they would like us to consider for a 2018 grant.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of November 6, 2017 were approved as submitted.

4. Treasurers Report

The total fund balance as of 30 November 2017 is \$204,194.93 in unrestricted funds.

The Black Diamond Ladies' Golf Association asked that the funds contributed by Citrus Memorial Hospital on their behalf as part of the 2017 "Conquering Cancer in Citrus County Golf Tournament" be distributed to the Moffitt Cancer Center.

MOVED: SUSAN SAVARD
SECONDED: JILL LUDOWESE

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$150 (One hundred fifty dollars) to the Moffitt Cancer Center on behalf of the BDLGA.

APPROVED

Joan Plunkett will help Susan Savard with the Annual Appeal mailing in January.

5. Grant Requests

Pregnancy and Family Life Center

MOVED: KENT RINKER
SECONDED: MARY JANE BOWER

That Black Diamond Foundation grant \$4500 (Four thousand, five hundred dollars) for roof repairs and carpentry services to modify shelving and storage spaces throughout their facility.

APPROVED

6. Old Business

Joyce Burns Memorial Endowment Fund

Dave Burns reported on the Joyce Burns Memorial Endowment Fund at College of Central Florida (CF) which was begun in 2006 with \$15,250. Even with many scholarships having been given out, the fund now stands at a balance of \$18,772. Dave commented that this fund continues to grow and the community benefits from what the Foundation did years ago. It was mentioned that CF is one of the most cost effective schools in the nation.

Marine Science Station

Kent Rinker reported on the recent visit of some board members to the Marine Science Station and their tour by its Director Ernie Olsen. All board members received the email recap from Mr. Olsen which described the MSS in detail. This is a very unique educational facility that is funded by the school system. Discussion ensued about possible grants and Jill suggested that we use our annual CC Education Foundation grant to designate our grant monies for MMS. She will ask for a grant application from Ernie and what are his specific needs.

Directors and Officers Insurance

Jon Radabaugh contacted Mike Bays State Farm Insurance regarding Board D&O Insurance. Jon asked board members for additional information from each to facilitate obtaining a quote.

2018 BD Foundation Fundraising Dinner

January 27, 2018 date has been reserved with the club for a fundraising dinner and possible Casino Night. The committee will wait to hear from the Casino company on costs. Joan Plunkett will contact Beth Shalom to find out how they ran their Casino Night last year and what kind of profits resulted. We will also look at alternative dates in February or March for this dinner. We were reminded by Susan Savard we should take this opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of BD Foundation which has now surpassed the \$2 Million mark in grants.

7. New Business

NAMI

National Alliance of Mental Illness. Dick Ragatz will reach out and learn more about this organization and their needs.

Joan Plunkett will continue to work on updating the Memorial Plaque.

Congregation Beth Shalom is asking for a sponsorship for their annual fundraiser. Joan will find out what charity they are supporting this year to see if this is a fit for BDF.

Dave Burns will attend the Citrus County Youth Orchestra recital in February at Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Jill Ludowese submitted her resignation from the Black Diamond Foundation at the completion of her second term as a Director, effective January 9, 2018. She will chair her last meeting on January 8, 2018.

8. Happening Articles

Jill Ludowese will write the January 2018 article for the club newsletter, Happenings.

9. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2018 at 4 pm at the clubhouse.

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm, Monday, December 4, 2017.

Mary Jane Bower, Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.

Friday, December 7, 2017