

Black Diamond Foundation  
Monday, November 6, 2017  
Black Diamond Club  
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Jill Ludowese, Mary Jane Bower, Dave Burns, Dick Ragatz, Foster Lamm, Judge Mark Yerman, Jon Radabaugh, Kent Rinker

Absent: Joan Plunkett, Susan Pratt, Susan Savard

Guests: Duane Deuker, Board President, Community Food Bank of Citrus County  
Jewel Lamb, Board Member, Community Food Bank of Citrus County  
Stephanie Bell, Executive Director, Pregnancy and Family Life Center of Citrus County  
Jim Ludowese, Chair, BDF Golf Tournament

**1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm, November 6, 2017.**

**2. Presentations**

**Community Food Bank**

Mr. Deuker presented an overview of the organization highlighting the significant milestones since their inception in 2013. The CFB projects that by the end of 2017 they will have distributed a total of 7.7 million meals in 5 years. The year over year growth is averaging 35%. They distribute both rescued and purchased food to 43 agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. A current challenge is the need to find a solution to help feed the 1600 students during the summer who receive reduced cost/free meals during the school year.

The CFB 2018 goal is to distribute a total of 3.6 million pounds of food which equates to 3 million meals.

**Pregnancy and Family Life Center**

Stephanie Bell, Executive Director, informed us that the original location of the Pregnancy and Family Life Center is in Inverness with a second location in Homosassa. She discussed the programs of the centers which include outreach, mentoring, emotional support, education and life skills training to pregnant women and families in Citrus County. They offer mental health and substance abuse counseling to all clients and especially assist pregnant mothers. 15% of their clients are grandparents raising their grandchildren. The Inverness location is in a historical 1910 house that is in need of repairs.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of April 24, 2017 were approved as submitted.

#### **4. Treasurers Report**

In anticipation of Susan Savard not being able to attend this meeting, she submitted the follow report:

Member contributions are down: \$105,494 as of 10/31/16 versus \$84,892 as of 10/31/17. I expect we will see an uptick in contributions as the year end approaches, but probably not enough to catch last year's number. In light of the downturn and coupled with postponement of the golf tournament until next fall which will move our major revenue hit from January to November next year, I recommend the Board continue its discussion regarding the level of funds it wishes to retain in its accounts, anticipating grants which we will likely want to give in early 2018. To date, we have made \$221,620 in grants versus \$150,500 as of 10/31/16. As a FYI, we have already surpassed the prior year's giving with two months to go yet this year, as our total giving in 2016 was \$207,800. Our total fund balances are \$204,323 as of 10/31/17 and were \$281,784 as of 10/31/16.

Discussion ensued about possibly having a fundraising dinner in January or February to make up for postponed 2018 revenue from the golf tournament. Foster Lamm will contact the club for available dates. Jon Radabaugh will assist. They will offer options at our December meeting.

#### **5. Grant Requests**

##### **Salvation Army (Citrus Corps), Daystar, Citrus County Family Resource Center**

**MOVED BY: JON RADABAUGH**  
**SECONDED BY: KENT RINKER**

**That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$5,000 (Five thousand dollars) each to the Salvation Army (Citrus Corps), Citrus County Family Resource Center, and Daystar to purchase additional food items and financial support needed to support local families with post-disaster relief.**

**APPROVED.**

##### **Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast**

**MOVED BY: JON RADABAUGH**  
**SECONDED BY: KENT RINKER**

**That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to the Early Learning Coalition to benefit school readiness and child development programs for Citrus County youth**

**APPROVED**

##### **Nature Coast Ministries Community Dental Clinic**

**MOVED BY: DICK RAGATZ**  
**SECONDED BY: JON RADABAUGH**

**That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$5,000 (Five thousand dollars) to the Nature Coast Ministries Community Dental Clinic to continue dental services to those in need in Citrus County.**

## **6. Old Business**

### **2018 Golf Tournament**

Jim Ludowese presented options for proposed dates. Sunday, November 4, 2018 was selected. Jim will continue working on details and will submit milestones moving forward. Jill Ludowese will write a "We're Moving" communications to send to the sponsors and the membership advising them of the change of date and the reasoning behind the decision.

## **7. New Business**

### **New Board Member Nominations**

Kent Rinker has agreed to remain on the Board.

Nomination of Karen Evans as a Black Diamond Foundation Board member with term to begin December 4, 2017.

**MOVED BY: JILL LUDOWESE**  
**SECONDED BY: DAVE BURNS**

#### **APPROVED**

Nomination of Pat Monea as a Black Diamond Foundation Board member with term to begin December 4, 2017.

**MOVED BY: FOSTER LAMM**  
**SECONDED BY: MARY JANE BOWER**

#### **APPROVED**

### **Tampa Bay Birdies for Charity**

Jill will have more donations cards printed for the upcoming season as soon as Foster sends her the electronic version of the materials.

## **YMCA**

Partner Recognition Lunch November 9 will be attended by Jill Ludowese and Dave Burns.

Donor Recognition Cocktail Party November 13 will be attended by Dave Burns, Susan Savard and Nan Rinker.

### **Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance Activity**

Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance will pack food boxes for Thanksgiving distribution on November 15 at 5:30 pm at the Citrus County Auditorium. Attending will be Jon Radabaugh, Jill and Jim Ludowese, Dick Ragatz, and Kent Rinker.

### **Marine Science Station Tour**

Board tour and discussion with Ernie Olsen will be November 16<sup>th</sup>, from 3-4 pm. Attendees will include Kent Rinker, Jon Radabaugh, and Jill Ludowese

### **Open Forum**

Jon Radabaugh suggested the Board consider Directors and Officers insurance. He will research this and report at the next meeting.

### **8. Happening Articles**

Jill will submit an article on Birdies for Charity for the December edition of Happenings.

### **9. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting will be Monday, December 4th, at 4:00 pm in the clubhouse boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm, Monday, November 6, 2017.

*Mary Jane Bower*, Secretary  
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.

Monday, November 13, 2017