

Black Diamond Foundation  
Monday, April 2, 2018  
Black Diamond Club  
Lecanto, FL

Present: Foster Lamm, Karen Evans, Pat Monea, Mary Jane Bower, Dick Ragatz, Susan Savard, The Honorable Mark Yerman, Shaundra Burdette, Kent Rinker, Joan Plunkett, Jon Radabaugh

Absent: Dave Burns

Guests: Kari Peters, Executive Director, Aspire  
Martin Hoffman, CEO Citrus Educational Symphonic Youth Orchestra

**1. Chair Foster Lamm called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., April 2, 2018 in the Diamond Room, Black Diamond Clubhouse.**

## **2. Presentations**

### **Aspire**

Kari Peters reviewed the mission of Aspire. Aspire exists to share the life-changing message of healthy relationships by providing youth with the skills and encouragement needed to avoid risky behaviors and make healthy choices. They currently are fulfilling this mission by successfully teaching primarily 9<sup>th</sup> Graders in partnership with all Citrus County High Schools, mentoring programs, hosting community awareness programs and parent and adult programs.

Aspire is requesting \$10,000 in grant funds to assist in program implementation and matching funds for a DOH grant from the State of Florida.

### **Citrus Youth Educational Symphonic Orchestra**

Martin Hoffman, CEO, Reviewed the history of CYESO which provides instruction and instruments for any students interested in playing symphonic instruments. Symphonic music is not taught in the public schools. This effort began in 2013 with 6 students and currently serves 55 students (ages 6-19) a week. Scholarships are given to some students. They are requesting a grant to continue supporting the cost of instruction and instruments.

Mr. Hoffman offered to have the students to perform a concert at Black Diamond next Fall. Foster will follow up to schedule a date in the Fall.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

Joan Plunkett moved that the Minutes of the March 5, 2018 meeting be approved. Dick Ragatz seconded the motion was unanimously approved.

### **4. Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Susan Savard reviewed the March 2018 Financials. Unrestricted funds currently total \$182,078.04. Susan noted that we can accept checks for Valspar until April 20<sup>th</sup> which will give us the 15% matching funds. There have been several memorial contributions and very good response to the annual appeal.

Mary Jane Bower moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Jon Radabaugh. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **5. Community Grants**

#### **Aspire**

**Moved that Black Diamond Foundation grant \$10,000 to Aspire to assist in program implementation and local financial match.**

Moved by Mary Jane Bower. Seconded by Joan Plunkett.  
The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Boys and Girls Club of Citrus County**

**Moved that Black Diamond Foundation grant \$11,250 to Boys and Girls Club of Citrus County to provide 100% scholarships for after school programs for 15 children (15 at \$75 per month for 10 months).**

Moved by Kent Rinker.  
Seconded by Karen Evans.  
The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **CYESO**

**Moved that Black Diamond foundation grant \$10,000 to Citrus Youth Educational Symphonic Orchestra, Inc for general operating purposes.**

Moved by Jon Radabaugh. Seconded by Kent Rinker.

The motion was unanimously approved.

## **6. Old Business**

### **Directors and Officers Insurance**

Jon Radabaugh reported on a prepared one pager report with a breakdown of each type of insurance and each cost for consideration. The board will consider this at the next meeting.

### **Golf Fundraiser**

Foster Lamm reported on the current planning for the BDF Tournament to be held November 4, 2018. Foster will continue to be working with the Ludoweses throughout the summer and will communicate with the board on all needed help from the board.

### **Mission United Update**

Foster met with Amy Meek and has requested that the current grant request be withdrawn and that she can resubmit when Mission United staff has stabilized.

## **7. New Business**

### **Community Alliance**

Karen Evans attended this monthly meeting of Citrus County community agencies which takes place the first Tuesday of the month at the Salvation Army. Karen suggested that we should be attending this meeting regularly to stay in touch with a wide array of needs in the community. Shaundra will attend the meeting April 3, 2018.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Mary Jane Bower suggested the Black Diamond Foundation promote volunteer opportunities to the Black Diamond Membership in the agencies that we support with grants. She requested that board members to contact their liason agencies and ask what their volunteer opportunities are. Please submit these to Mary Jane. She has offered to keep a current list of volunteer needs and to have these published within The Happenings articles.

## **8. Happenings Article**

Susan will write the next article to support the Foundation Annual report and the Annual Appeal.

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

Foster suggested that we move up the next meeting from May 7 to April 30 so that more of us can attend. Moved by Joan Plunkett. Seconded by Pat Monea. Unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 30, 2018, in the Diamond Room of the Black Diamond Clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Bower  
Secretary  
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.

April 8, 2018