

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc
Monday, November 5, 2012, 2:00 pm
Black Diamond Ranch Club
Lecanto, Florida

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

Steve Barnes, Jay Joines

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm, November 5, 2012.

2. Approval of Minutes, April 30, 2012

The Minutes of April 30, 2012 were approved as distributed.

3. Treasurer's Report, October 2012

The Foundation has had no contact from a 2009 scholarship recipient, and has other unused scholarship funds. Therefore Jim Briley will move \$7000 to Unrestricted Funds. Also, a different 2009 and 2010 scholarship recipient has had trouble with her paperwork, but likely will request those funds soon.

Jim estimates the Foundation will receive \$30,000 by year-end, bringing the Unrestricted Funds \$270,000. It's likely Crystal Motor Group's support of the 2013 Pro-Am will arrive in May, from Tampa Bay Championship, with a 10% match.

In March 2013, the Foundation granted \$15,000 to Daystar to acquire a structure for more administration and food storage space, conditional on its receiving approvals of the Diocese and the County. Daystar has received all approvals, and therefore, Jim Briley will release the funds.

4. Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities and Other Community Activities

Jay Joines reported that The PGA Tour is operating Tampa Bay Championship, which does not have a title sponsor; the PGA Tour promises a 10% match for charitable donations received at "Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities". Tampa Bay Championship runs March 11 to 17, 2013 at Innisbrook Golf Resort. Jay will distribute posters and pledge cards for "Birdies" by the end of November.

Jay also reported that the YMCA of Citrus County is the recipient charity of Crystal Motor Group's donated Chevrolet Corvette. Raffle tickets are \$100 each. The draw will be held on December 15, 2012. Tickets are available from Jay.

Registration for Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance has closed. Daystar Life Center has joined TFA, and will not run its own program this year. In 2011, Daystar served 300 families at Thanksgiving. Publix Super Markets, Inc are excellent community partners: they collect funds for turkeys, and deliver the turkeys in bulk for TFA's distribution. Another large donor is the Church of Latter Day Saints, which provides \$30,000 in groceries from its Bishop's Pantry.

Jay updated support for the Foundation's 2013 Pro-Am. Donations are coming in slowly, but FDS has committed to sponsoring the scoreboard, and LKQ Corporation has been approached for a donation.

Finally, Jay reported that Walmart is willing to assist with a fundraising project by donating valuable items (e.g., large screen televisions) to be used as raffle prizes.

5. Summer Update of Citrus County Happenings

Dave Burns circulated thank you notes from grant recipients. He represented the Foundation at the dedication of Salvation Army's new Citrus County headquarters, which also is an emergency cold weather shelter.

6. Meeting with United Way of Citrus County

On October 10, 2012, Susan Savard and Dave Burns met with Amy Meek, the new President and CEO of UW of Citrus County, to discuss possible synergies of the Foundation and UW. UW is changing its method of granting and evaluating programs. The priority areas of interest are Adult Education, Income Stability, and Health. UW has a large board and full-time staff, and is able to evaluate and coordinate projects and grants. UW is five times larger than the Foundation, raising approximately \$500,000 annually.

Rebecca and Mike Bays are co-chairs of the 2013 UW campaign. Mike Bays said that 99.2% of funds raised in Citrus County stay in Citrus County. The goal is "measuring lives, not just dollars". For example, attaining a GED can mean an increase in annual income from \$12,000 to \$21,000. UW has identified 25 individuals, who have been screened for potential success, and will provide mentors to help them through the GED program or a college program.

Foundation members asked for assurance that any cooperation with UW would not result in a diminution of the Foundation's profile or projects. Susan Savard felt that any coordination would be ad hoc.

ACTION: Susan Savard and Dave Burns will meet again with UW of Citrus County, to determine areas or projects of potential cooperation.

7. Community Food Bank of Citrus County

In September, the Foundation received a request for funding for the newly-established Community Food Bank of Citrus County. By e-discussion and e-vote, the Foundation denied the request, and communicated that information to CFBCC. The Foundation must confirm e-votes at its next regularly-scheduled meeting.

MOVED BY: BILL JOENS
SECONDED BY: KENT RINKER

That Black Diamond Foundation grant \$5000 to the Community Food Bank of Citrus County.

DEFEATED.

8. Million Dollar Grant Party

The Foundation anticipates that, by the end of 2012, it will reach the milestone of One Million Dollars in grants to Citrus County agencies. The Foundation wishes to commemorate this achievement, as when it reached One-half Million Dollars in grants.

The planning committee is Bill Joens, Jill Ludowese, Kent Rinker, Sharron Rosenberg, and Susan Savard. The celebration will occur in the clubhouse on Friday, February 8, 2013.

ACTION: Foundation members will suggest to the planning committee potential grant announcements that would mark the occasion, and make an impression in the community.

9. Agencies' Needs for 2012 - 2013

The Foundation needs information from agencies to plan grants to the end of 2013.

ACTION: Foundation members will discuss with Citrus County agencies their current and emergent needs, and will forward their reports to Bill Joens by November 24.

New initiatives must be outlined on the Foundation's grant request form.

Jim Briley will sketch typical grant outflows.

Art Thomas will talk with the Early Learning Coalition and Take Stock in Children. Bill Joens will see The Path. Sue Pratt will do CASA.

10. Old Business

Sue Pratt said that the Mini Curriculum Grants for Citrus County public school teachers were to be awarded this evening. She will present the four grants supported by Black Diamond Foundation. All four grants involve teacher mentoring.

11. New Business

Art Thomas said that College of Central Florida and WTI are asking about the continuity of annual scholarship grants (\$25,000 to CCF; \$20,000 to WTI).

The Foundation agreed that scholarships would be part of the discussion at the December meeting.

Art Thomas will write the Foundation's article for the January 2013 issue of "Happenings". The topic will be the success of recipients of the Foundation's scholarships.

At the December meeting, members will volunteer to write articles over the next months.

At the December meeting, members will suggest names of new board members, and will suggest an Officer slate for 2013.

The Pro-Am committee needs additional volunteers. Current membership is Bill Joens, Sharron Rosenberg, and Jay Joines. Vic Nery has just had open heart surgery, and is unable to contribute to the extent he did in previous years.

12. Next Meetings and Adjournment

The Foundation will meet at 2:00 pm, on Monday, December 3, 2012. Location tba.

Future meetings are January 7, 2013; February 4, 2013; and revert to the typical meeting time of 4:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm, Monday, November 5, 2012.

Linda M Youell, Secretary

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