

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.
Monday, March 4, 2013, 4:00 pm
Black Diamond Ranch Club
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Steve Barnes, Mike Bays, Jim Briley, Dave Burns, Bob Campbell, Bill Joens, Jill Ludowese, Susan Pratt, Kent Rinker, Sharron Rosenberg, Susan Savard

Guest: Dr. Douglas Alexander, Sr, Senior Pastor, New Church Without Walls

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, March 4, 2013.

2. New Church Without Walls (NCWW) – After School Tutoring/Summer Programs and Food Pantry

Dr. Doug Alexander presented a newly-developed NCWW initiative designed to assist the children of homeless and needy families in Citrus County.

Beginning in March 2013, the NCWW After School Tutoring and Summer Programs will work closely with Citrus County School System principals and teachers to provide educational assistance to low-income students struggling with core area studies. The program tutors will provide one-on-one assistance to students who are academically below-average, and/or failing to meet required educational standards, during the school year and throughout the summer break.

Dr. Alexander anticipates the program will serve between 100 – 150 Citrus County youth, with focus on middle school and high school students. The goal of the program is to keep at-risk kids in school, focused on their educational potential, and off the street. School guidance counselors will identify/select participants for the after school tutoring and summer programs. Tutoring will be conducted three days a week at school during the academic year. Tutoring will continue as part of the summer program, with a proposed location at the old Boys and Girls Club facility in Crystal River. The NCWW will provide transportation for students who require it.

Dr. Alexander also highlighted the NCWW grant request to sustain its Food Pantry operations. The NCWW serves over 100 homeless individuals/families per week in the Hernando area. The food pantry provides daily food boxes, and also prepares and serves one hot meal a week. The served population includes many who are living outdoors, not in resident shelters.

Total grant request includes: \$3,500 for the After School Tutoring Program; \$3,500 for the Summer Program; and \$5,000 to sustain the Food Pantry.

Dr. Alexander related at his closing, that one of the Foundation grant recipients sponsored by NCWW is preparing to graduate from the criminal justice program at Withlacoochee Technical Institute. The Black Diamond Foundation investment has resulted in a life-changing experience for both this local resident and his family.

Chairman Joens thanked Dr. Alexander for his presentation.

3. Approval of Minutes, February 4, 2013

The Minutes of February 4, 2013 were approved as written.

4. Treasurer's Report, February 28, 2013

Jim Briley presented the monthly Financial Report. At the end of February 2013, the Foundation had \$196,539.16 in unrestricted funds.

The projected net proceeds for the Tenth Annual Black Diamond Foundation Pro-Am Tournament, held January 23, 2013, total \$61,350. This is the second highest amount earned in Tournament history.

Foundation annual appeal letters went out in late February 2013. Donations are starting to come in, as are contributions from friends and family of Mike Zatzman and Joan McDonald in honor of their upcoming wedding.

Finally, supporters of the Foundation have donated \$75,000 (the maximum amount allowed for a charitable organization) to the 2013 Tampa Bay Championship's Birdies for Tampa Bay Charity program. The investment of these supporters, in the name of Black Diamond Foundation, will net a 10% match from the Tampa Bay Championship Bonus Pool. Total proceeds to the Foundation from the 2013 Birdies for Charity program will reflect \$82,500.

5. Community Grant Requests

Citrus Abuse Shelter Association (CASA)

CASA requested a grant in December 2012 to fund the replacement of old computer equipment. After thoroughly researching their needs and existing solutions, CASA presented an information systems life cycle replacement plan through Sue Pratt that includes the purchase of three hard drive towers, one computer monitor, and three desk-top scanners. The plan also includes upgrades to three existing computer hard drives. Total cost/grant request is \$3,030.

MOVED BY: SUE PRATT
SECONDED BY: MIKE BAYS

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$3,030 (Three thousand, thirty dollars) to the Citrus Abuse Shelter Association to fund life cycle replacement/repair costs for computer and periphery equipment.

APPROVED.

Citrus County Family Resource Center (CCFRC)

Sharron Rosenberg reported that CCFRC had requested funds to support emerging operational needs at the Center. The freezer at their food pantry is inoperable, and the battery charger for their utility golf cart was stolen. Both items can be replaced with reconditioned equipment for a total of \$1,100. The Center has created a secure storage area for the replacement battery charger.

MOVED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG
SECONDED BY: SUSAN SAVARD

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$1,100 (One thousand, one hundred dollars) to Citrus County Family Resource Center to purchase reconditioned items needed to sustain Center operations, to include a replacement food freezer unit and a utility vehicle battery charger.

APPROVED.

New Church Without Walls (NCWW)

As described earlier in the meeting, the NCWW After School Tutoring and Summer Programs fill a community need. No other local charitable organization is known to specifically target low-income, at-risk students in Citrus County who are failing academically. The Board will defer action on the NCWW Food Pantry grant request until later in the spring, after the results of the annual Foundation fundraising drive are known.

MOVED BY: SUSAN PRATT
SECONDED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$7,000 (Seven thousand dollars) to New Church Without Walls for its newly-instituted After School Tutoring Program, and inaugural Summer Program for at-risk Citrus County youth.

APPROVED.

Citrus County Historical Society (CCHS)

The Citrus County Historical Society requested \$1,500 to continue to refurbish buildings on the historical register, to include the 1912 Citrus County Courthouse. Based on discussion that the CCHS had recently received a large financial contribution, the Board agreed to defer action pending receipt of an updated annual report.

ACTION: BILL JOENS will determine if the CCHS still desires/requests a community grant from Black Diamond Foundation, Inc., and if so, will request an updated annual report.

6. Old Business.

Foundation Celebration Dinner Wrap-up

Bill Joens thanked the Dinner Committee (Jill Ludowese, Susan Savard, Kent Rinker and Sharron Rosenberg) for their hard work in planning and executing the Foundation's celebratory dinner. The Foundation welcomed 207 attendees, which included guests from 19 local charitable organizations. The evening provided an excellent networking opportunity and venue for community dialogue.

Walmart's donated 46-inch HDTV brought in \$1,630 during the dinner fund-raiser raffle. Raffle proceeds went to the Black Diamond Junior Volunteer Corps in post-dinner drawing. The raffle winner, Bill Reading, elected to donate the HDTV back to the Foundation.

Jill Ludowese reported that thank you notes were completed and mailed on February 13, 2013. The balance due to Black Diamond Club was paid on February 15, 2013. All individual dinner payments were received as of March 4, 2013.

Black Diamond Foundation Video Project

Bill Joens reported that the Foundation spent \$500 of the \$750 the Board allocated last month to produce a five-minute video using footage shot during the February celebration dinner. It is now available on line. He will use the last \$250 to produce a 2-minute version for use in fundraising presentations. The Board thanked Dave Burns for his unceasing efforts to get all 19 charitable organizations at the celebration dinner in front of the camera, as well as several local elected leaders.

ACTION: Bill Joens send the email link to the Board members that they may view the recently-produced, five-minute video on line, and comment.

WTI/United Way Partnership Update

Dave Burns reported that he, Susan Savard and Bill Joens visited Withlacoochee Technical Institute (WTI) for an update on their GED program, and the use of "gap" funding the Foundation approved through partnership with United Way of Citrus County in January 2013. There are 25 students currently participating in the WTI GED program. Most of the gap funding has supported student transportation costs. Only one student is using gap funding for child care costs. Of note, there are four homeless students in the program. Judy Johnson, WTI guidance counselor, is exercising control of the allocated funding based on student need. They are getting good support and cooperation from other local agencies. Dave Burns will continue to monitor the program.

Take Stock in Children (TSIC) Fund Raiser

Jill Ludowese and Art Thomas attended the TSIC Fundraiser on March 3, 2013 at the Curtis Peterson Auditorium in Lecanto. At the beginning of the program, they presented a "big check" representing the grant for \$12,000 awarded at the December 2012 Black Diamond Foundation Board meeting.

River Project Fundraiser

Susan Pratt and Bill Joens attended the The River Project's Wine and Cheese Fundraiser at the Black Diamond Club on February 27, 2013. It included a unique video presentation. A Foundation grant recipient, the River Project reached all Citrus County 9th graders this year, encouraging teens to be intentional about choosing actions that promote sexual health and individual success.

7. New Business

Black Diamond Junior Volunteer Corps Donation

As stated, the Black Diamond Volunteer Corps was selected by drawing to receive the raffle proceeds collected during the Foundation celebration dinner. The Corps asked that the \$1630 be donated to the Friends of Citrus County Animal Services (FOCCAS) to support animal shelter/rescue in Citrus County.

MOVED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG
SECONDED BY: SUSAN PRATT

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$1630 (One thousand, six hundred, thirty dollars) to the Friends of Citrus County Animal Services on behalf of the Black Diamond Junior Volunteer Corps.

APPROVED.

Sale of Donated HDTV

Bill Reading won Celebration Dinner raffle, and donated the HDTV he won back to Black Diamond Foundation. A buyer subsequently approached Bill Joens with an offer to purchase the HDTV for fair market value (\$400).

MOVED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG
SECONDED BY: MIKE BAYS

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. sell the 46-inch HDTV donated by Walmart for \$400 (Four hundred dollars), and deposit the proceeds in the Foundation's account as unrestricted funds.

APPROVED.

Receipt of Restricted Funds

Jim Briley reported that he had received a check for \$100 from a Black Diamond Foundation contributor earmarked for CASA.

MOVED BY: KENT RINKER
SECONDED BY: SHARRON ROSENBERG

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. deposit the donation of \$100 (One hundred dollars) in the Foundation's account as restricted funds set aside for CASA.

APPROVED.

Ryder Cup Flag Sales

Black Diamond Club will host its annual Ryder Cup Tournament on 13 and 14 March 2013. Black Diamond Foundation traditionally sells small flags to Ryder Cup team members as a spirited fundraising event.

ACTION: Sharron Rosenberg will coordinate volunteers to man the Foundation table and sell flags at the Ryder Cup tournament on 13 and 14 March 2013.

YMCA Toy Barn Fundraiser

The annual YMCA Toy Barn fundraiser will be held March 16, 2013. Bill Joens, along with several other Foundation Board members, will attend and present a check for the grant of \$11,600 approved at the February 2013 Foundation Board meeting.

Community Food Bank

The Citrus County Community Food Bank has invited members of Black Diamond Foundation Board of Directors to tour their new facility in Homosassa, and discuss their program. Bill Joens recommended that available Board members meet at the Food Bank on April 8, 2013, prior to the next Foundation Board meeting.

ACTION: Bill Joens coordinate with the Citrus County Food Bank for meeting prior to the next Board of Directors meeting on April 8, 2013, and confirm date, time and location with Board members via email.

8. Articles for 2013 Club Newsletter – “Happenings”

Copy is due to Robin Yates (ryates@blackdiamondranch.com), by stated suspense.

April	BDJVC	Susan Pratt	due Mar 15
May	Nature Coast Ministries	Sharron Rosenberg	due Apr 15
June	Daystar New Building	Steve Barnes	due May 15
July	YMCA Summer Camp	Jill Ludowese	due Jun 15

9. Next Meetings and Adjournment

The Foundation will meet next at 4:00 pm on Monday, April 8, and again on Monday, May 6, in the clubhouse boardroom. Robin Yates will post notices on Ch 19 and in the community newsletter, and will reserve the boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm, Monday, March 4, 2013.

Jill Ludowese, Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.

Thursday, March 14, 2013