

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc
Monday, 04 April 2011, 4:00 pm
Black Diamond Ranch Club
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Mike Bays, Jim Briley, Dave Burns, Bill Joens, Nancy Manafort, Sue Pratt,
Art Thomas, Sharron Rosenberg, Jim Wood, Linda Youell

Jay Joines

Guests: YMCA of the Suncoast
- Ms Sue Ball, Vice-President
- Mr Bob Plaisted
The Path of Citrus County
- Mrs Kathryn Sipper
- Mr DuWayne Sipper, Executive Director

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, April 4, 2011.

2. YMCA of the Suncoast, Citrus County Branch

Sue Ball reported that 200 people attended the Y's fundraiser on Saturday, 19 March 2011, at which the Y raised \$93,250. Bob Plaisted took a photo of the ceremonial presentation of the Foundation's grant to the YMCA of the Suncoast.

3. The Path of Citrus County

Kathryn and DuWayne Sipper summarized The Path's achievements in 2010:

- Increased from two to four houses, each with a maximum of six residents
- Provided 5623 bed nights, and served 16,869 meals at the shelters
- Doubled the farm yield to more than 20,000 pounds of organic produce.

The Path presented three priority needs for funding: a replacement 7-passenger van; repairing the roof on the pole barn, so that electrical and plumbing can be added for aquaculture, produce storage, woodworking; repainting the thrift shop in Dunnellon. Roof repair is the priority, because the new projects cannot go forward without a facility. The new projects will result in jobs for graduates of The Path. Clients and graduates of The Path will provide the volunteer labor for roof repair.

The Path is working on reduction of debt and expenses.

DuWayne Sipper gratefully accepted Bill Joens' offer to help find a reasonably-priced 7-passenger van.

Chairman Joens thanked Mr/Mrs Sipper for their presentation.

4. Approval of Minutes, March 07, 2011

MOVED BY: Nancy Manafort

SECONDED BY: Dave Burns

That the Minutes of March 07, 2011 be approved as distributed.

PASSED.

5. Treasurer's Report, March 31, 2011

Jim Briley reported that the Foundation has received approximately \$21,000 from the Annual Appeal, and will receive approximately \$89,000 from Transitions "Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities" in May. The Foundation has sold more than 200 raffle tickets on the 2012 Corvette. United Way, the Foundation's partner in the raffle, has not provided any sales figures.

The Foundation has \$188,369 in unrestricted funds, less \$20,400 in raffle ticket revenue which will be shared with United Way.

One final payment for a 2008 scholarship is unclaimed. Jim has asked the recipient for information, which has not been forthcoming. Small amounts remain in restricted funds for CASA and for Family Resource Center.

ACTION: Jim Briley will send a final request, double-registered, informing the 2008 scholarship recipient that the Foundation must receive information by a fixed date, or the scholarship award will be cancelled.

Nancy Manafort will determine if there is a scholarship need at CASA.

Sharron Rosenberg will ask that Family Resource Center request the remaining amount in that restricted fund.

6. 2012 Corvette Raffle - Black Diamond Foundation/ United Way of Citrus County

Linda Youell distributed a schedule of confirmed and potential sales venues for the Foundation's ticket sales. Bill Joens asked for volunteers for the confirmed events, especially Inverness Town Center, Saturday, April 16 and "Street Vibrations", May 6-8.

Sue Pratt will determine whether members of Black Diamond Junior Volunteer Corps can volunteer at the sales venues.

Linda Youell will prepare copies of the sales posters for Mike Bays to display in his office, and for Black Diamond Club to distribute with the next issue of "Happenings".

7. Big Brothers – Big Sisters

Since inception, the Foundation has granted \$63,500 to Big Brothers – Big Sisters, including early support of Sertoma Mentoring Project. Members agreed with Mike Bays and Jim Wood that a formal presentation wasn't necessary, but that the Foundation required a report on the

number of big-little matches of Citrus County children. Big Brothers – Big Sisters will hold its fund-raising golf tournament at Black Diamond in May.

ACTION: Mike Bays and Jim Wood will report at the May meeting, and will request a grant of \$12,000 for Big Brothers – Big Sisters.

8. Citrus County Food Needs

Linda Youell distributed information from the larger service agencies in Citrus County, about the amount of food they distributed in 2010 – more than 2 million pounds. In support of these numbers, Bill Joens said that Salvation Army has seen requests for food rise by 21%; requests for utility assistance rise by 30%; requests for rent and mortgage assistance rise by 25%, year over year. Sharron Rosenberg said that Family Resource Center had requests from 932 new families, i.e., every month in 2010, more than 75 new families came for help.

9. Articles for “Happenings”, 2011

Escalante Golf, the new owners of Black Diamond Ranch, will cease printing a paper copy of the newsletter, and will move to electronic distribution.

The schedule of Foundation articles is:

- May: Bill Joens will submit the poster of the Corvette raffle
- June: no column
- July: Linda Youell will write about Ben DeFazio, a recipient of a Foundation scholarship, graduate of WTI, and chef at Black Diamond
- August: no column
- September: Dave Burns will write about College of Central Florida, focusing on a Black Diamond employee who is attending CCF
- October: Sue Pratt and Jay Joines will write about the food programs, including Thanksgiving
- November: Corvette raffle, which concludes on December 10
- December: Foundation Pro-Am (Wednesday, January 25, 2012) and Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities.

The Foundation’s 2011 Annual Report will be included in one issue of “Happenings”.

10. Old Business

Lt Phil Royal was scheduled to return to the Foundation’s May meeting, with design and renovation costs for the training facility, and with preferences for the training facility or training scholarships. Dave Burns will ask Lt Royal for a written submission, rather than a personal presentation, or for a presentation in the fall.

Bill Joens reminded members of the fund-raiser on Saturday, April 9, for Three Sisters Springs.

11. New Business

Planning Session - Bill Joens noted that the Foundation is entering uncharted waters. Soon, it will have approximately \$250,000 to invest in people and projects in Citrus County (\$168,000 in unrestricted funds + \$89,000 from Transitions + Corvette raffle revenue). Bill asked

Foundation members to consider a planning session. Members agreed that it would be a useful process.

Discussion included: budget planning, endowment fund, building a “foundation” for the Foundation’s future, implementing an application form, brain-storming 5 or 6 key issues.

ACTION: On Monday, May 2, 2011, the Foundation will hold a planning session from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, in the Clubhouse Boardroom. The regular Foundation meeting shall commence at 4:00 pm, Monday, May 2, 2011.

Foundation Pro-Am – Bill Joens and Jay Joines met with Doug Egly, the new General Manager of Black Diamond Club, who is enthusiastic about the Foundation’s work in Citrus County and its place in the Black Diamond community. Mr Egly confirmed the date of the 9th Annual Pro-Am (Wednesday, January 25, 2012), and expressed an interest in attending a Foundation meeting. Both 7 Rivers Regional Medical Center and Capital City Bank have confirmed participation in next year’s tournament.

Jessie’s Place - Jessie’s Place is the Citrus County Child Advocacy Center, a central location to coordinate all necessary services for unfortunate children who have been abused or neglected. Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsey is interested in speaking with the Foundation in the fall, about Jessie’s Place. Currently, Jessie’s Place is located in donated space in Beverly Hills.

College of Central Florida – Dave Burns informed the Foundation that the State of Florida is reconsidering its policy of matching private grants and donations to educational institutions, which will have a profound impact on all levels of education and student accessibility. Over the years, Black Diamond Foundation and the Black Diamond community have funded a classroom, supported “Taste of Citrus”, provided scholarships, endowed the Joyce Burns Memorial Scholarship.

Dave asked the Foundation to consider increasing its support of CCF. Two possible projects are:
- STEPS – Scholarships Taking Elementary Promising Students up to CCF – which requires a \$10,000 commitment to “adopt” an elementary school. Currently, four Citrus County elementary schools are STEPS participants.
- establishing a Chair at CCF – which requires approximately \$25,000.

ACTION: Dave Burns will bring information to the May meeting about establishing a Chair in nursing at CCF.

Citrus County Education Foundation – Sue Pratt asked the Foundation to consider supporting the inaugural fund-raising project of CCEF – a concert on May 1, “Allegro”.

MOVED BY: Sharron Rosenberg
SECONDED BY: Jim Wood

That Black Diamond Foundation support Citrus County Education Foundation by purchasing an advertisement in the program for “Allegro”, with a grant of \$1000.00 (One thousand dollars). The ad shall publicize the Foundation’s raffle of a 2012 Corvette.

Approved.

The Path of Citrus County – Members agreed that The Path was making a positive difference in Citrus County, and that its plans for the barn could result in job creation and assistance to other Citrus County service agencies. The Path had identified repairs to the barn as its top priority.

MOVED BY: Linda Youell
SECONDED BY: Jim Wood

That Black Diamond Foundation grant The Path \$6500.00 (Sixty-five hundred dollars), for roof repairs to the pole barn.

Approved.

12. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Foundation's planning session shall commence at 1:00 pm, Monday, May 2, 2011, and run for three hours to 4:00 pm.

The Foundation's meeting shall commence at 4:00 pm, Monday, May 2, 2011. Agenda items include:

- RIVER Project – Sue Pratt (discussed in 2010)
- Big Brothers – Big Sisters – Mike Bays and Jim Wood
- CCSO training facility – Dave Burns
- CCF Chair – Dave Burns

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm, Monday, April 4, 2011.

Linda M Youell, Secretary
12 April 2011