

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc
Monday, April 5, 2010, 4:00 pm
Black Diamond Ranch Club
Lecanto, Florida

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

Jay Joines, for Black Diamond Foundation Pro-Am Golf Tournament, and
Transitions Championship for Healthy Sight

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, April 5, 2010.

2. Approval of Minutes, March 1, 2010

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Treasurer's Report, March 31, 2010

Jim Briley reported that the Foundation has more than \$107,000 in unrestricted funds, and anticipates that Transitions Championship will return more than \$66,000 to the Foundation, representing the donations to Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities ®, on behalf of Black Diamond Foundation, enhanced by the 15% bonus. The number of financial supporters is increasing.

Jim has researched the possibility of the Foundation's receiving a better rate of return on funds on deposit. The Foundation's account currently is with Smith Barney. Jim has spoken with Sun Trust, Superior, and Capital City.

MOVED BY: Jim Wood

SECONDED BY: Sharron Rosenberg

That Black Diamond Foundation authorize James W Briley, Treasurer, to establish a banking relationship with the financial institution that offers the best rates and service, in his opinion, and further,

That Black Diamond Foundation authorize James W Briley to transfer up to \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to open an account at the financial institution he selects.

PASSED.

4. Old Business

Susan Pratt reported on the successful visit to Citrus County by the VSP Vision Mobile, part of the Transitions Championship for Healthy Sight, on Monday, March 8, for Citrus County Schools, and at the Family Resource Center on Tuesday, March 9. More than 60 students and adults received complete eye examinations and new glasses, when necessary, and approximately 20 more received certificates for free eye examinations and glasses.

The staff with the Vision Mobile commented that the Citrus County organization was among the top five they have encountered across the entire country. Local organizers are applying for the Vision Mobile to return next year, and are working with local physicians to encourage more doctors to volunteer for the program.

The Foundation has sent thank-you letters to the three volunteer physicians, Dr Navin Singh, Inverness; Dr Thomas Dawson, Crystal River; Dr John Lewis, Bradenton; and to VSP – Vision Service Plan. The Foundation has sent letters of commendation to Ms Cathy Reckenwald, Citrus County Schools; Mrs Sandra Himmel, Superintendent of Citrus County Schools; and Mrs Ginger West, Family Resource Center.

The Vision Mobile project is the subject of the Foundation's column in the May 2010 edition of "Happenings".

MOVED BY: Jim Wood

SECONDED BY: Nancy Manafort

That Black Diamond Foundation reimburse Citrus County Schools \$352.50 for the cost of the buses that transported the children from their schools to the vision examination at Renaissance Center, and further,

That Black Diamond Foundation reimburse Susan Praff \$46.00, being the cost of the luncheons for the staff and volunteers for the vision examinations.

PASSED.

Jim Briley reported that one female scholarship recipient, now a sophomore, still has not applied for the next scholarship payment, for which she is eligible, and Art Thomas reported that the male scholarship recipient whose grades fell below the required standard has not replied to Art's inquiries.

Both Jim and Art will continue their inquiries.

Susan Pratt reported that Black Diamond Junior Volunteer Corps volunteers once monthly at Blessings in a Backpack, has laid sod at a Habitat for Humanity home, and has obtained a commitment from Lowe's Hardware to provide bedding plants, which they would plant at new Habitat houses in Citrus County.

Sue will prepare a letter of introduction from Black Diamond Foundation, which the students can include in their introduction packages, and requests for assistance.

On April 23, 2010, BD-JVC will hold an introductory event at the pool, and invite all youth members and residents of Black Diamond to attend.

Sue Pratt reported that the funding arrangements to preserve Three Sisters Spring are with the state government.

At the Foundation's March 1st meeting, Linda Youell distributed "Snapshot 2010: Citrus County

Health Rankings”, from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Citrus County 2009 Health Profile, from Well Florida Council; and December 2009 unemployment figures for Florida counties.

In December 2009, Citrus County’s unemployment rate was 12.9%, representing 7586 persons.

Today, she distributed figures for January 2010 – 14.6% unemployment, 8316 persons; and for February 2010 – 14.5% unemployment, 8251 persons.

Bill Joens circulated thank-you notes from Sandra Himmel, Superintendent of Citrus County Schools, for the VSP Vision Mobile; from Big Brothers Big Sisters for the continuing support; from YMCA of the Suncoast, Citrus County for the recent grant. In 2009, Big Brothers Big Sisters served 247 Citrus County children.

5. New Business

Dave Burns reported that Central Florida Community College is \$100,000 away from its \$900,000 goal to meet the Kresge Foundation 50% Matching Grant Challenge.

In Fall 2009, Black Diamond Foundation awarded \$5000 to CFCC for its “Taste of Citrus” scholarship fundraiser, as a one-time grant for that event.

CFCC asks the Foundation to consider another grant, to help meet its funding goals.

ACTION: To provide more information for this application from CFCC, Dave Burns will discuss with CFCC ways that the College could enhance the Foundation’s work in Citrus County, such as forgiving or reducing tuition fees for participants in “Citrus Forward”, who attain appropriate grade point averages.

Citrus County Family Resource Center has received an invoice from WTI for the GED Testing Fee for Heather, the participant in “Citrus Forward”. In January 2009, Black Diamond Foundation awarded \$500 to WTI specifically for students who could not afford WTI’s \$75 GED Testing Fee.

ACTION: Sharron Rosenberg with talk with Brenda Miley Kelley, WTI, about forgiving the \$75 GED Testing Fee for Heather.

Art Thomas reported that the Foundation has received 30 scholarship applications from students in Citrus County Schools. He anticipates the selection will be complete by the end of April. He will forward the names of the recipients of the Foundation scholarships to Sue Pratt, who sits on another scholarship selection committee in Citrus County.

Art Thomas will write about the scholarship program for June 2010 “Happenings”.

For the 2011 Foundation Pro-Am, Bill Joens reported that Munroe Regional Medical Center has increased its support from \$1000 to \$1500, and Crystal Motor Group has increased its support from \$5000 to \$10,000. Crystal Motor Group also will fund the “poker run” game at the

tournament.

Bill circulated the sponsorship package that the tournament committee has prepared for soliciting contributions.

In light of the continuing high unemployment rate in Citrus County – as noted above – the Foundation will consider awarding grants to five food banks in Citrus County – CASA, Daystar, Family Resource Center, The Path, Salvation Army – all of which have historical support from Black Diamond members and residents. The Foundation will vote on grants at its May 2010 meeting.

ACTION: Foundation members will request information from each of these food banks, regarding people served and food distributed, for discussion on May 3, 2010.

6. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting is Monday, May 3, at 4:00 pm in the Clubhouse boardroom. Ginger West, Executive Director of Citrus County Family Resource Center, will attend.

Jim Wood volunteered to be Secretary, in Linda Youell's absence.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm, Monday, April 5, 2010.

Linda M Youell, Secretary
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