

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc
Monday, December 1, 2008, 1:00 pm
Board Room, Black Diamond Country Club
Lecanto, Florida

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

Jay Joines, on behalf of Foundation's Pro-Am and
Transitions Championship for Healthy Sight
Mary Louise Roth Ramage
Richard Ramage

Guests: Ms Charlene Guthas, Seven Rivers Medical & Educational Foundation

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm, Monday, December 1, 2008

2. Seven Rivers Medical & Educational Foundation

Anil Ram introduced Ms Charlene Guthas, who described the Seven Rivers Medical & Educational Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, that provides educational assistance to deserving individuals who are working toward careers in the health care field, in Citrus, Hernando, Levy and Marion Counties. The Foundation's website is www.7rmeded.org.

The Foundation was recently reorganized, and in 2008 awarded 14 scholarships (from a total of 20 applications) for a total of \$14,919, with a maximum of \$1500 per semester. The Foundation's main source of funding is the volunteer gift shop at Seven Rivers Hospital, Crystal River. Volunteers at the gift shop comprise the Foundation's board and scholarship selection committee.

Scholarship recipients must be a graduating senior, with at least a 2.0 GPA, enrolled in a health care program, and must guarantee to stay within the 4-county area for at least 12 months upon graduating. Financial need is the most important criterion.

The Foundation is looking for donations, to increase the number of scholarships awarded.

The Chairman thanked Ms Guthas for her presentation.

3. Review of Minutes, November 3, 2008

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

Review of Meeting Notes, November 17, 2008

The Meeting Notes were corrected -

ACTION: Members agreed the Foundation would award grants only upon receipt and review of a formal request for assistance.

The Foundation's documents were filed with Florida's Secretary of State on November 19, 2002; therefore the Foundation has been in existence for 7 years.

ACTION: The Meeting Notes shall be included in the record of today's meeting.

ACTION: The corrected Notes are attached to these Minutes.

4. Treasurer's Report, November 30, 2008

Jim Briley reported that the Foundation has approximately \$80,000 in unrestricted funds.

The Foundation will fulfill its commitment to Central Florida Community College, with payment of the final \$15,000 grant to the capital campaign for the Citrus Campus, by the end of 2008.

Jim asked that entry fees for the Foundation's Pro-Am **not** be sent to Transitions Championship, since the entry fee is not wholly a charitable donation.

Pre-orders of the reprinted Black Diamond cookbook may result in a net contribution of \$1300 to the Foundation.

ACTION: BILL JOENS will send thank-you letters to Faeth Houle and Jane Williams, who are organizing the cookbook reprinting.

5. Election of Officers, 2009

MOVED BY: Art Thomas
SECONDED BY: Bill Williams

That the current officers of Black Diamond Foundation, Inc be acclaimed for the upcoming year: Bill Joens, Chairman; Nancy Manafort, Vice-Chair; Jim Briley, Treasurer; Linda Youell, Secretary.

APPROVED.

6. 2009 Newsletter Articles

The Foundation agreed to topics for articles in "Happenings", Black Diamond Club's member newsletter. The person responsible for preparing the article is identified.

January 2009	6th Annual Pro-Am	Bill Joens
	CASA	Nancy Manafort
February 2009	Transitions Championship	Jay Joines
March 2009	Annual Appeal	Jim Wood
April 2009	Food Assistance	Linda Youell
May 2009	CFCC Building Program	Dave Burns

7. Training and Rehabilitation Programs in Citrus County

Dave Burns is researching opportunities in Citrus County for residents to obtain training and get out of the cycle of unemployment or underemployment. He has spoken with Workforce Connection, Central Florida Community College, and Daystar.

For example, through its Institute, CFCC hosted a workshop in September on Fresh Start Employment Training Opportunities , to help individuals who are seeking a new direction for future employment.

Dave will meet with Dr Vernon Lawter, Provost of the Citrus Campus, who has offered to look at the best place to put job training and upgrading funds.

Bill Williams asked to participate in the meetings.

This subject will continue at the Foundation's January meeting.

8. Old Business

Jim Briley distributed an article from the St Petersburg Times, November 25, 2008, about websites that provide information about a charity's status, evaluate its financial health and its fund distribution.

The article is attached to these minutes.

Jay Joines reported that the Church Without Walls helped 4960 families at its Thanksgiving Turkey and Food Give-A-Way, November 22.

9. New Business

MOVED BY: Art Thomas
SECONDED BY: Anil Ram

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc continue its scholarship program for seniors graduating from Citrus County public high schools, by funding three scholarships at \$2000 per year, for 4 years.

APPROVED.

MOVED BY: Bill Joens
SECONDED BY: Susan Pratt

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc continue its scholarship program for Withlacoochee Technical Institute with a grant of \$10,000.

APPROVED.

MOVED BY: Jim Wood
SECONDED BY: Mike Bays

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc continue its support of Big Brothers Big Sisters with a grant of \$8000, to be used in identifying eight “Big - Little” matches in Citrus County.

APPROVED.

MOVED BY: Sharron Rosenberg
SECONDED BY: Jim Wood

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc grant \$3000 to Seven Rivers Medical and Educational Foundation, to provide scholarships for three students, to further their careers in the health and medical field.

APPROVED.

MOVED BY: Dave Burns
SECONDED BY: Sharron Rosenberg

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc grant \$3000 to each of Daystar Life Center, Citrus Abuse Shelter Association, Citrus County Family Resource Center, and Salvation Army - Citrus Corps.

APPROVED.

10. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Foundation will meet on Monday, January 5, 2009, at 4:00 pm in the Clubhouse Boardroom. Please note time change.

Agenda items will include: Ms Brenda Miley-Kelley, Withlacoochee Technical Institute (Art Thomas); update from Dave Burns on skills development and training programs in Citrus County.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm, Monday, December 1, 2008.

Linda M Youell
14 December 2008

Attachments: Black Diamond Foundation Special Meeting Notes, November 17, 2008
Article from *St Petersburg Times*, November 25, 2008