

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc
Monday, February 4, 2008, 4:00 pm
Board Room, Black Diamond Country Club
Lecanto, Florida

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

Guests: Dr Vernon Lawter, Provost, Citrus County Campus
Central Florida Community College

Ms Lisa Ellspermann Lombardo, Major Gifts Officer
Central Florida Community College

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, February 4, 2008.

**2. Citrus Campus, Central Florida Community College -
Capital Campaign**

Dr Lawter and Ms Ellspermann Lombardo described the capital campaign for the expansion of Citrus Campus. Dr Lawter last spoke with the Foundation on November 5, 2007. Dave Burns is on the advisory board for Citrus Campus.

CFCC is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and its 10th year in its current location. Based on its 2006 campus master plan, the College plans a new facility for the Citrus Campus, which is at capacity for its evening classes. The building will have seven additional fully equipped multi-purpose classrooms, conference and reception space for 200, science and technology labs, corporate training facility, video and teleconferencing technology, and a full-service catering kitchen.

When the fund-raising campaign commences, CFCC will offer naming opportunities to donors and sponsors. CFCC anticipates breaking ground this fall, with completion in Fall 2009. The total cost is \$9 million, with \$6 million coming from the State of Florida. CFCC is hoping to raise \$1.5 million in private gifts, which will be matched by the state.

In Florida, 50% of post-secondary students are in community colleges; 70% of community college graduates return to or stay in the community where they had their community college experience.

Dr Lawter also distributed the program card for the College's new program in Agribusiness Management - Golf Specialization, supported by the endowed scholarship in honor of Joyce Burns. Dave Burns circulated an article about the new program from *Citrus County Chronicle*, January 20, 2008.

The Foundation thanked Dr Lawter and Ms Ellspermann Lombardo for their presentation.

3. Review of Minutes, January 7, 2008.

The Minutes were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

Jim Briley distributed the Foundation's financial report, a/of January 31, 2008. The Foundation has almost \$78,000 in unrestricted funds; proceeds from the Fifth Annual Pro-Am are +/- \$40,000. The Foundation has received a \$2500 grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida.

The Foundation's 2008 fund-raising campaign will start in March.

Jim also distributed comparative information for previous pro-am tournaments, scholarship recipients (both public high school and WTI), and donors. All three initial scholarship recipients from 2004 have been successful, and have received the full allocation of \$4000. All other recipients are on track to graduate; one 2005 recipient graduated from University of Florida in three years.

Dave Burns proposed that the Foundation create an informal audit of its scholarships and grants, to determine effectiveness.

**ACTION: Art Thomas will contact scholarship recipients.
Sue Pratt will work with the administrator of the teacher mentor grants.**

5. Pro-Am Tournament Recap

The Tournament was the most successful to date, both in the funds raised and in its organization. David Layman received many compliments from his fellow professionals.

Black Diamond members comprised the winning team - Joan Beasley, Margo Grodsky, Vicky Marinelli - and professional - Debbie Clum. Two professionals tied for individual honors - Rodney Cook (a Black Diamond alumnus, now in Dallas) and Vince Jewell from Dallas.

For the first time, the tournament offered a \$5000 purse, \$2855 cash for professionals and \$2145 in gift certificates for amateurs.

Nancy Manafort has ordered plaques for donors, and thank-you notes to tournament volunteers will be prepared soon.

6. Birdies for Charity

The PODS Championship at Innisbrook, March 3-9, 2008, is offering a 10% bonus for donations.

ACTION: Jim Wood will prepare notices for Member News and Channel 19.

7. Old Business

Jim Briley reminded the Board that the Foundation needs an Assistant Treasurer while he is on vacation, on or about May 15th.

8. New Business

Nancy Manafort distributed copies of the Foundation's by-laws.

ACTION: All members shall read and review the by-laws, for discussion at the Foundation's March 3rd meeting.

All three members of the Scholarship Review Committee are non Black Diamond residents or members. Art Thomas recommended replacing one of the three with a Black Diamond member. He also proposed removing personal identifiers from the scholarship applications, to make them anonymous.

ACTION: Art Thomas will recruit a Black Diamond member/resident to replace one of the three reviewers.

He shall prepare the packages of applications for review to ensure anonymity.

In April 2006, the Foundation, with a grant to the American Heart Association, funded the acquisition of two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for vehicles in the County Sheriff's fleet. Dave Burns reported that not all Sheriff's cars are equipped. The approximate cost is \$1500 each.

MOVED BY: Nancy Manafort

SECONDED BY: Sue Pratt

That the Foundation grant up to a maximum of \$3500 (Thirty-five Hundred Dollars) to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, to acquire two Automated External Defibrillators.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dave Burns will ask Sgt Phil Royal for success stories, for the Foundation's column in Black Diamond's member newsletter.

Members discussed the capital campaign for Citrus Campus of Central Florida Community College.

MOVED BY: Dave Burns

SECONDED BY: Nancy Manafort and Sue Pratt

That the Foundation pledge \$25,000 (Twenty-five Thousand Dollars) to acquire naming rights to a classroom in the new facility of Citrus Campus, CFCC, the monies to be released upon the College's request, to benefit from any matching grants.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

As background for Foundation deliberations, Linda Youell provided information and statistics for Citrus County and Florida.

- Citrus County's December 2007 unemployment rate of 5.7% is eighth highest among Florida's 67 counties. Hendry County has a rate of 6.9% (southwest shore of Lake Okeechobee); Florida, 4.4%; Liberty County is the lowest at 2.9% (Florida's Panhandle, between Panama City and Tallahassee).
- The December 2007 unemployment rate of 5.7% increased from 3.5% in December 2006.
- Percentage of live births to unmarried mothers in Florida in 2006: 44.5%
- The zip code for Inverness, 34452, is rated a "D" - high risk for mortgages - by GMAC-ResCap.
- WTI and CFCC have a joint program which allows students to earn 60 college credits by the time they graduate from high school.
- Program from the dedication of the Black Diamond "Habitat for Humanity" house, January 19, 2008
- Program from CFCC Performing Arts Series, listing Black Diamond Foundation as a supporter and sponsor, which enables CFCC to share some performers and their presentations with college students and area elementary students.
- "Take Stock invests in youth", *Citrus County Chronicle*, February 2, 2008

9. Board Member Possibilities

This discussion will be part of the review of By-Laws at the March meeting.

10. Citrus County Food Bank

This item was tabled to March 3, 2008.

11. Next Meeting and Agenda Items

The Foundation's next meeting is Monday, March 3, 4:00 pm in the Clubhouse Boardroom.

Agenda Items include:

- review of Foundation's By-Laws: please read and bring comments
- Citrus County Food Bank: please read article from *Citrus County Chronicle*, January 14, 2008, e-mailed to Board members, January 22.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm, Monday, February 4, 2008.

Linda M Youell, Secretary
10 February 2008