

**BLACK DIAMOND FOUNDATION, INC.**

**BOARD MEETING**

**MAY 4, 2009**

**BLACK DIAMOND COUNTRY CLUB BOARD ROOM**

**LECANTO, FLORIDA**

**Present:** Mike Bays, Jim Briley, Bill Joens, Nancy Manafort, Susan Pratt, Sharron Rosenberg, Art Thomas, Bill Williams, Jim Wood

**Guest:** Susan Mutschler, Homosassa Branch Library Manager and Citrus County Adult Literacy Program Coordinator

1. The meeting was called to order at 4pm.
2. **Citrus County Adult Literacy Program** – Susan Mutschler described the program and requested the support of the Foundation. The program began six months ago and by all measures has been a major success. There are currently 56 adult learners, 45 trained tutors, and another 10 learners consisting of recently released prisoners from the county prison. The program is countywide with the greatest demand in Beverly Hills.

Susan indicated that the program needs to purchase books for four library branches at a cost of \$8,000 to insure the program's continued success.

3. The April minutes were approved.
4. Jim Briley presented the **April 30 Foundation Financial Report**. He reported that the tax returns had been completed.
5. **Citrus Forward Status Report** – Bill Williams updated the Board on the progress to date on the Citrus Forward initiative. He met with CFCC and indicated that they were excited about the program and would be willing to work with WTI; CFCC will be point contact for the program. He also met with Ginger West at the Family Resource Center. Ginger agreed to identify 2 or 3 persons that would be good for the program. These individuals will be introduced to CFCC staff and the selections will be made. The candidates will be drug tested prior to entering the program.
6. **Scholarship Report** – Art Thomas reported that the scholarship recipients had been selected. He also reported that the second and third place applicants from Crystal River High School had GPA's over 4.0, and recommended one-time \$1,000 scholarships to the two individuals. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. **Vision Care for Life** – Susan Pratt provided an update on the vision care program of Transition Lenses. She informed Transitions Lenses that the Foundation would like to sponsor the program in Citrus County in 2010. She also reported that school administrators believe that

they would have enough kids for one full day of testing, and the pre-screening requirement is no problem.

8. **Family Resource Center** – Sharron Rosenberg reported that a shower program would likely be stalled due to insurance considerations.

9. **Old Business** – None.

10. **New Business**

**Adult Literacy Program** – The Board had a discussion regarding the program and decided that we would support the program if Susan Mutschler gave us a commitment to a) meet space requirements at each library for learner/tutor meetings and the books, and b) guarantee the Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills would be one of the two libraries we would agree to assist. The cost is estimated to be \$4,000 for the two we agree to support. Bill Williams said he would follow up with Susan, and ask for an email vote if and when the commitments are made.

**Business Cards for Foundation Board Members** – Bill Williams will handle.

Next meeting will be October 12 at 2pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

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**Email Vote on Citrus Library Adult Literacy Program**

**May 26, 2009**

The following paragraph is from the minutes of the May 4 Board Meeting.

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Bill contacted Susan after the meeting. The commitments were provided to Bill in an email dated May 20, 2009, from Flossie Benton Rogers, Director, Citrus County Library System. The email was distributed to the Board and an email vote requested by Bill. As of June 2 the vote had passed. Bill has made arrangements to award the check for the program on June 11.