Black Diamond Foundation, Inc
Monday, November 3, 2008, 2:00 pm
Board Room, Black Diamond Country Club
Lecanto, Florida

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

John Bourdeaux, on behalf of Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church
Jay Joines, on behalf of Foundation's Pro-Am and
Transitions Championship for Healthy Sight

Guests: Rev Doug Alexander, New Church without Walls
George Krueger, Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church
Pastor Damien Thomas, New Church without Walls

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm, Monday, November 3, 2008

2. Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church - Food Pantry

John Bourdeaux and George Krueger described the food-centered outreach program of Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church. Funding from the Church for the outreach program is approximately $20,500.

Persons requesting help must have an annual income of $16,000 or less, have social security cards for each family member, and prove Citrus County residency. Families may use the service twice monthly. [Secretary's Note: 2004 US Census - 11.2% of Citrus County residents (15,528 people) are below the poverty line. 2007 Federal HHS Poverty Guidelines - 1 person, $10,210 annual income; 2 person household, $13,690 annual income.]

At the same time as the quantity and quality of food from regular sources is decreasing, the demand is increasing: January 2008, they served 385 people and distributed 5800 pounds of food; in September 2008, 568 people and 7700 pounds. In addition to food, Shepherd of the Hills offers counselling and other assistance.

Mr Krueger reported that new clients are requesting assistance from the program, which is open every Thursday from 9 to noon.

On behalf of the Shepherd of the Hills Food Pantry, Mr Bourdeaux and Mr Krueger requested a $5000 grant from the Foundation.

The Foundation thanked them for their presentation.

3. New Church Without Walls - Thanksgiving

Rev Alexander is a life-long resident of Citrus County, retired from the Armed Forces and Citrus County Sheriff's Office. He was a judge for the Foundation's scholarship program for 4 years.

He described the mission and outreach program of CWOW to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.

Rev Doug Alexander and Pastor Damien Thomas described the Thanksgiving Turkey and Food Give-A-Way of the New Church Without Walls, November 22.

Rev Alexander estimates there will be 5000 folks this year, which will require approximately $12,000, of which the Church has $4500 at this time. The Church would welcome any grant.

The Foundation thanked them for their presentation.

4. Review of Minutes, May 5, 2008

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

5. Treasurer's Report, October 31, 2008

Jim Briley reported that the Foundation scholarships for 2004 and 2005 recipients have been fully paid.

The Foundation has $85,000 in unrestricted funds.

6. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Sue Pratt described this program, through which subscriptions provide a book a month to registered pre-schoolers, newborn to age 5. Local sponsors are Citrus County Education Foundation, Citrus County Schools and United Way of Citrus County.

Nationwide, there are 600,000 children in the program. Since it was announced in Citrus County in June 2008, 1000 children have been nominated. All funds raised locally stay in the County. The local director is Gail Grimm.

7. Citrus County Education Foundation

Sue Pratt distributed evaluation forms for the 6 Black Diamond Foundation team/mentor grants awarded for 2007-08. Successful proposals for the current school year include projects that accommodate different learning styles, literacy, ESL, kids at risk, environmentalism. No additional funds are required this year.

8. Foundation Project List, October 31, 2008

Linda Youell distributed the updated project list.

9. Review of Meeting, October 6, 2008

On October 6, Mike Bays, Jim Briley, Dave Burns, Bill Joens, and Jim Wood met to:

- receive the Foundation's financial status a/o September 30, 2008 from Jim Briley.

- review progress on the 2009 Foundation Pro-Am:
Jay Joines reported that Village Cadillac Toyota has signed a four year contract with the Foundation to be the named sponsor for the Foundation's Annual Pro-Am Golf Tournament.

- receive update on Transitions Championship for Healthy Sight:

For the past two years, contributors to the Foundation have had the option of contributing through the Birdies for Charity program. This option will be available in 2009 when Transition Lens becomes the sponsor.

- receive a status report on Jessie's Place from Sheriff Jeff Dawsy and Melissa Bowermaster:

The Citrus County Children's Advocacy Center, known as Jessie's Place, will be a stand alone facility, 7,000 sq. ft., on land donated by the school system. The estimated cost at this time is $1.8 million. This cost estimate should be on the high side because the architectural and engineering work has been offered at no cost by local firms. The business plan is in the final stages of completion.

Jessie's Place will rely on the generosity of the community and grants available through state or countrywide sources. Since grants are only available to operating advocacy centers, Jessie's Place will open in temporary quarters during 2008.

- discuss the YMCA in Citrus County:

Mike Bays reported that the feasibility analysis by YMCA concluded that a facility on Hwy 486 would be a success. The facility will be 50,000 sq. ft., and cost approximately $10.5 million. Mike will continue to monitor YMCA activity.

- review summer activity.

MOVED BY: Linda Youell
SECONDED BY: Sue Pratt

That the discussion from the October 6th meeting be incorporated into the Minutes of November 3, 2008.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Allocation of Foundation Funds

The Foundation will meet on Monday, November 17, 2008, at 2:00 pm in the Boardroom to allocate grants for the remainder of the year. The Foundation's goal is to maintain a reserve of approximately $30,000 for emergency needs in the community.

Linda Youell will prepare a summary, similar to that which she prepared last year.

11. Old Business

In September 2008, employees of Citrus County Board of County Commission, Supervisor of Elections, Court Clerk, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector and *Citrus County Chronicle* conducted "Have a Heart" food drive, to support 4 local food banks - Citrus United Basket (CUB), Daystar, Family Resource Center, and Homosassa We Care.

By e-mail poll, the Foundation agreed to support the food drive, with a donation to United Way of Citrus County, and further to support 3 other Citrus County food banks - CASA, Path, and Salvation Army - Citrus County Corps.

This action required ratification by motion.

MOVED BY: **Linda Youell**
SECONDED BY: **Sue Pratt**

That Black Diamond Foundation confirm the grant of $8000 (Eight thousand dollars) to United Way of Citrus County, such grant to be split evenly among Citrus United Basket, Daystar Life Center, Family Resource Center, and Homosassa We Care.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY: **Sharron Rosenberg**
SECONDED BY: **Sue Pratt**

That Black Diamond Foundation confirm the grants of $2000 (Two thousand dollars) to each of Citrus Abuse Shelter Association, The Path of Citrus County, and Salvation Army of Citrus County.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Art Thomas circulated a letter from Withlacoochee Technical Institute, reporting on the success of two continuing recipients of Foundation scholarships, and providing profiles of two new recipients.

The invitations to the 2009 Foundation Pro-Am will be mailed this week. Bill Joens will prepare a cover letter. Jim Briley will provide lists of previous participants, including golf professionals.

Jay Joines provided an update on the Transitions Championship for Healthy Sight, March 16-22, 2009 and its "Birdies for Charity" project, which this year has a 20% bonus pool.

12. New Business

Sue Pratt commented that all helping agencies in Citrus County are experiencing challenges similar to those reported by Shepherd of the Hills and New Church Without Walls. For example, in each of the past four months, Daystar Life Center has distributed approximately 30,000 pounds of food, and is serving 45 to 50 families daily. Its major project provides Thanksgiving hampers to approximately 350 Citrus County families. Daystar's budget is stressed with providing regular services to needy families.

MOVED BY: **Jim Wood**
SECONDED BY: **Sue Pratt**

That Black Diamond Foundation provide grants of $4000 (Four thousand dollars) to each of New Church Without Walls, Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, and Daystar Life Center, to meet food and other needs of their Citrus County clients.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Lecanto High School has requested support of "Project Graduation 2009" (Safe Grad). Foundation members agreed that in view of increasing demands on Citrus County's social service and helping agencies, it was important to preserve funds for the Foundation's successful scholarship program, other educational programs, and emergency food, clothing and housing needs that may arise through the winter.

MOVED BY: Dave Burns
SECONDED BY: Sharron Rosenberg

That Black Diamond Foundation's $1000 grants to Lecanto High School and Citrus High School for "Safe Grad 2008" and two $500 grants to Crystal River High School for scholarships in June 2008 be one-time only; and further

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc not provide grants to Citrus County high schools for "Safe Grad" or equivalent activities.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Bill Joens will inform Lecanto High School that the Foundation will not provide a grant for "Project Graduation 2009".

13. Next Meetings and Adjournment

The Foundation will meet on Monday, November 17 at 2:00 pm to review new requests and allocate funds for the remainder of the year.

The next regular meeting of the Foundation is Monday, December 1, at 1:00 pm. Please note the special time.

Both meetings will be in the Clubhouse Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm, Monday, November 3, 2008.

Linda M Youell
05 November 2008