Black Diamond Foundation, Inc
Monday, November 7, 2011, 2:00 pm
Black Diamond Ranch Club
Lecanto, Florida

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

Guests: Deborah Rossfeld, Executive Director, Citrus United Basket (CUB)
Denise Kennard, Executive Director, Daystar Life Center

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm, November 7, 2011.

2. Citrus United Basket

On behalf of CUB, Deborah Rossfeld requested funding for a walk-in freezer, to replace eight used refrigerator/freezers. The estimated cost is $5285 + installation. CUB has space and power for the walk-in freezer.

CUB, the first food bank in Citrus County, is 34 years old. Requests for food and other assistance have increased by 42%, year-over-year. Food pantries do a lot more than just feed people. Each month, CUB helps approximately 650 families – about 1862 individuals – with food, clothing, financial assistance, and counseling. In the recent Post Office food drive, CUB received 13,000 pounds, but CUB distributes 10,000 pounds of food each month.

CUB receives $33,000 from United Way of Citrus County; and received $5000 from FEMA – down from $15,000 last year.

The Foundation asked why CUB's unrestricted funds have risen from $100,000 to $324,000, 2007 to 2011. Ms Rossfeld explained that United Way has asked its member agencies to have reserves equal to 50% to 100% of the previous year's budget. Also, CUB anticipates that it may be required to move, because of redevelopment in Inverness.

If CUB moves, the walk-in freezer can be moved, and will remain an asset of CUB.

Chairman Joens thanked Ms Rossfeld for her presentation, and promised a decision within a week.

3. Daystar Life Center

On behalf of Daystar, Denise Kennard requested a grant of $4000 to support Daystar's Thanksgiving project, which last year provided complete Thanksgiving dinner hampers to 300 families. This year, Daystar will help 364 families. For the third year, Daystar is sharing its family registration information with Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance, to ensure there is no duplication of services at Thanksgiving.

Black Diamond Foundation has supported the Thanksgiving project in previous years.

FEMA granted Daystar $10,000 for rental assistance to families in distress. Daystar can

provide up to one month of rental assistance.

Chairman Joens thanked Ms Kennard for her presentation, and promised a decision within a week.

4. Approval of Minutes, May 2, 2011

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

5. Review of Notes, October 6, 2011

There was a lack of quorum for the bulk of the meeting, so no decisions were made, and the discussion was continued to the November Foundation meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report, October 2011

Jim Briley reported that the Foundation's financial status changed little from September 2011. The Foundation has $204,251 in unrestricted funds.

Art Thomas and Jim Briley reported that the Foundation has lost contact with four of the Foundation's scholarship recipients, one each from 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

MOVED BY: Linda Youell
SECONDED BY: Susan Pratt

That the Foundation cancel the remaining scholarship monies for 2007 and 2008 for the recipients who have not maintained contact with the Foundation, and

That the monies ($7000.00) be moved to Unrestricted Funds, and

That Art Thomas inform the two recipients by certified mail that the funds have been revoked, but may be reinstated upon receipt of the required information, attesting to academic achievement and attendance at a post-secondary institution.

APPROVED.

The unused scholarship funds for 2009 and 2010 will remain restricted for now.

Bill Joens reported that Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities have guaranteed a bonus pool of $1.5 million, with a bonus amount of 10%. In 2011, the Foundation received a bonus of $14,900. The 2012 Transitions Championship for Healthy Sight, March 12-18, 2012, is the last in Transitions' current sponsorship agreement.

Sue Pratt will determine if the VSP – Transitions Vision Mobile will visit Citrus County, prior to the 2012 tournament.

7. SPOT Family Center

SPOT Family Center (Spiritual People Offering Time and Resources) is a local charity that lost funding when the Florida Legislature decreased funding to Kids Central, Inc by $2 million. SPOT had summer programs planned that would be at risk of cancellation without the funding. In 2010, SPOT served 65 kids in summer programs.

By e-vote on May 25, the Foundation approved a $2000 grant, which requires ratification at this meeting. SPOT has received the funds.

MOVED BY: David Burns
SECONDED BY: Jim Wood

That Black Diamond Foundation approve a grant $2000 (Two thousand dollars), to SPOT Family Center (Spiritual People Offering Time and Resources), to support its planned summer 2011 programs for children in Citrus County.

APPROVED, with two opposed.

8. Early Learning Coalition – Suncoast Business Masters

Black Diamond Foundation has supported Early Learning Coalition, a favored project of Suncoast Business Masters. In 2010, the Foundation granted $5000 to Suncoast Business Masters for ELC. The Federal government multiplies each locally-raised dollar by $15.67.

MOVED BY: Jim Wood
SECONDED BY: Mike Bays

That Black Diamond Foundation grant $7500.00 (Seventy-five hundred dollars) for the Early Learning Coalition.

APPROVED.

Bill Joens likely will present the check at a fundraiser on Friday, December 2, 2011, 6:00 pm. Foundation members who wish to attend this function will contact Bill.

9. The RIVER Project

RIVER offers a five-day character education program to 5000 youth in Grades 6 through 9 in Citrus County Public Schools, and participants in the WTI Teen Parent and Teen Court programs. RIVER spends one hour daily with each grade level, presenting a week-long curriculum.

There is no health program in Citrus County schools, Grades 6 through 8, and a half-year program in high school. The project and its curriculum are approved by the Citrus County Board of Education, and approved for Teen Court, Dept of Juvenile Justice, and Boys and Girls Club.

In Citrus County, 25% of children live in poverty; the teen birthrate is 150 births for every 1000 teenage girls.

MOVED BY: Sue Pratt
SECONDED BY: Jim Wood

That Black Diamond Foundation grant $2000 (Two thousand dollars) to fund the Project.

APPROVED.

Sue Pratt will confirm the payee for the award, and give the information to Jim Briley.

10. Withlacoochee Technical Institute

MOVED BY: Art Thomas
SECONDED BY: Jim Wood

That Black Diamond Foundation grant $15,000 (Fifteen thousand dollars) to Withlacoochee Technical Institute, for scholarships for Citrus County students.

APPROVED.

Mike Bays praised the effectiveness of the WTI programs in preparing students for jobs. Almost every member of the current welding class has been hired to work at the Progress Energy plant. Getting a job is the most direct change in someone's life.

Art Thomas reported that Brenda Miley Kelley has retired, and her replacement, Sandra VanDervort, will attend the Foundation's January 2012 meeting.

11. Application Forms - Black Diamond Foundation Grants

Bill Joens has distributed the application forms to local agencies, and asked Foundation members to give an application form to every agency with which they have a connection, and whenever they receive an inquiry or request. This application form will be the filter for all funding requests, from agencies or individuals. Black Diamond Foundation can award funds only to 501(c)(3) organizations.

12. Foundation Articles for "Happenings"

Articles for inclusion in "Happenings" are due to Linda Stevens by the 10th of the month before publication month.

Issue	Submission Date	Topic	Author
Dec 2011	Nov 10, 2011	BDF Pro-Am & Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities	Bill Joens Jay Joines
Jan 2012	Dec 10, 2011	BD Junior Volunteer Corps	Sue Pratt
Feb 2012	Jan 10, 2012	Sheriff's Tactical Training Bldg	Dave Burns
Mar 2012	Feb 10, 2012	WTI	Art Thomas
Apr 2012	Mar 10, 2012	Food needs in Citrus County	Sue Pratt Sharron Rosenberg
May 2012	Apr 10, 2012	College of Central Florida	Dave Burns

13. Corvette Raffle

With one month to draw date, ticket sales have slowed. The Foundation has sold 347 tickets, and United Way has sold approximately 320 tickets.

ACTION: Bill Joens will discuss ticket sales with Jewel Lamb of Crystal Motor Group, the donors of the vehicle, and John Marmish, United Way of Citrus County, the Foundation's partners in the raffle.

Bill Joens will discuss display advertising in Citrus County Chronicle with Gerry Mulligan, publisher of the Chronicle.

Mike Bays will ask Citrus County Chamber of Commerce to e-mail its members about the raffle.

14. Old Business

Dave Burns reported that the Sheriff's Tactical Training Facility is complete, and invited Foundation members to the Open House – Media Day on Thursday, November 17, 2011, at the facility, located behind Withlacoochee Technical Institute in Inverness.

In January 2012, James Henningson will be the next President of College of Central Florida, replacing Dr Charles Dassance, who retired in May 2011 after 15 years as president. Mr Henningson comes from Seminole State College of Florida, where he was vice-president of academic affairs/ chief academic officer.

Enrollment at the Lecanto campus of CCF is at capacity.

15. New Business

The Foundation discussed CUB's application for funding, and questioned CUB's holding large reserves for an event - the forced move - that may happen. The Foundation did not approve CUB's application.

The Foundation supported Daystar's request for Thanksgiving funding, noting that the prices for canned goods and other items have increased.

MOVED BY: Jim Wood
SECONDED BY: Susan Pratt

That Black Diamond Foundation grant $5000 (Five thousand dollars) to Daystar Life Center, to fund the purchase of more than 300 turkeys, and the purchase of canned goods and other items to complete the Thanksgiving hampers.

APPROVED.

Jim Briley received an application from Nature Coast Ministries for funding items such as a refrigerated truck and handicapped lift. The Foundation has provided funding for food previously.

ACTION: Mike Bays will research the request, visit Nature Coast Ministries' office, and report at December's meeting.

Citrus County Family Resource Center is offering a free medical clinic at its outreach facility, "Connections". A physician visits twice monthly, and the clinic is staffed by volunteer nurses. "Connections" cooperates with Citrus Memorial Health System.

On behalf of CCFRC, Sharron Rosenberg requested $800 emergency funding for medical supplies.

MOVED BY: Sharron Rosenberg
SECONDED BY: Susan Pratt

That Black Diamond Foundation provide $800 (Eight hundred dollars) to Family Resource Center, for medical supplies at the "Connections" clinic.

APPROVED

Mike Bays emphasized that all persons attending "Connections" clinic should be signed up for Medicare and Medicaid, when eligible, and that they can receive medical attention at existing hospitals and clinics in the county. There are FQHCs (Federal Qualified Health Centers) in the county that provide medical services. FQHCs are within the federal Dept of Health & Human Services, and include services such as ambulatory surgical centers, clinical labs, home health, hospice, pharmacy, and rural health centers.

ACTION: **Sharron Rosenberg will collect and distribute more information about Connections and the population served.**

Dave Burns contacted an organizer of the Citrus Youth Educational Symphonic (YES) Orchestra, a new non-profit in Citrus County that is just gearing up. Dave will forward a grant application to YES.

Nancy Manafort has resigned from the Foundation, and the Chairman asked Foundation members to consider potential new members. The election of officers for the year occurs at the January meeting.

ACTION: **Foundation members will discuss potential new members at the December meeting.**

16. Next Meetings and Adjournment

The Foundation meets on Monday, December 5, 2011, at 2:00 pm in the Boardroom.

The first meeting of 2012 will be Monday, January 9, 2012, at 4:00 pm. Please note the return to the traditional meeting time.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm, Monday, November 7, 2011.

Linda M Youell, Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc

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