

Black Diamond Foundation
Monday, October 29, 2018
Black Diamond Club
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Foster Lamm, Jon Radabaugh, Susan Savard, Joan Plunkett, The Honorable Mark Yerman, Karen Evans and Richard Ragatz

Absent: Mary Jane Bower, Kent Rinker, Shaunda Burdette, Patrick Monea

Guests: Sandra Woodard, Citrus County Early Learning Coalition
Jay Joines, Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance

1. Chair Foster Lamm called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., October 29, 2018, in the Diamond Room, Black Diamond Clubhouse.

2. Presentations

Citrus County Early Learning Coalition

Sandra Woodard described the services offered by the Early Learning Coalition. ELC is seeking a community grant of \$10,000 for its School Readiness Program. While the bulk of ELC's funding for this program comes from the federal Childcare Development Block Grant and the Florida Office of Early Learning Child Development Program, the ELC is required to raise 6% of its required funds from within the community. This equates to between \$85,000 and \$100,000 per year. The federal Childcare Block Grant matches each dollar raised in the community with \$15.87. Sandra reported that the ELC currently is serving approximately 850 to 900 children. She assured the Board that any funds granted to ELC by the Black Diamond Foundation will be used only for program operation in Citrus County.

Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance

Jay Joines attended in lieu of Doug Lobel, who is acting as executive officer of the Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance. In the past, Publix allowed its customers to pay \$8.00 to fund the purchase of a turkey at the time of checkout. This program raised enough money to pay for all turkeys required for the Thanksgiving baskets. Publix has stopped this program, and has now committed to make a cash payment of \$3,000 instead. The cost of purchasing 650 turkeys is \$8,500. The Thanksgiving Alliance is seeking a grant of \$4,000 toward the turkey purchases.

3. Approval of Minutes

Karen Evans moved that the Minutes of the April 30, 2018, meeting be approved. Richard Ragatz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Susan Savard distributed the October to date Financial Statement. Susan reported that member contributions currently stand at \$106,311.50, versus \$84,891.61 as of October 31, 2017. Unrestricted funds currently total \$188,473.14. Susan also reported that the 2019 Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities campaign has opened, and that she already has \$3,650 to send.

5. Community Grant Requests

Citrus County Early Learning Coalition

Joan Plunkett moved to award the Early Learning Coalition a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to support its School Readiness Program in Citrus County. Richard Ragatz seconded. Discussion ensued. This grant will receive a federal match of \$15.87 per dollar donated. The motion passed unanimously.

Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance

Richard Ragatz moved to issue a challenge grant to the Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance: upon submission of proof that the Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance has raised \$2,000 toward its goal of \$8,500 to purchase turkeys for its Thanksgiving baskets, the Foundation will donate \$2,000 toward the turkey purchases. Joan Plunkett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously after discussion.

6. Old Business

Ratification of Email Vote

On September 23, 2018, Foster Lamm relayed to the Board that he had received a request for assistance from the College of Central Florida. A Citrus County single mother of four was attempting to enroll at CCF to enhance her education. In order to do so, credits earned at two other schools had to be transferred to CCF. Those two institutions, however, refused to forward her transcripts because she had outstanding fee balances at each, totaling approximately \$1,200. In order to abide by the Foundation bylaws, which require the Foundation to donate to a Section 501(c)(3) entity, United Way offered to pay the two balances with funds donated by the Foundation. Foster sought and received approval to donate the funds necessary to satisfy the two debts by providing the funds to United Way.

Susan Savard moved that the Board ratify the vote it took by email on and about September 23, 2018. Joan Plunkett seconded. The motion passed.

Golf Fundraiser

Foster Lamm reviewed the status of the Pro-Am golf event, scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2018. At this time, there are approximately 100 people attending the pre-event dinner on Sunday, November 4, 2018, and 15 teams committed to play on November 5.

Remembrance Board

Joan Plunkett reported that she added four names to the Remembrance Board, and indicated that yet another member, Scott Johnson, passed away recently, and will be added. Since the Board is now full, Joan asked Tony Brice to make a second Board, which he has agreed to do.

7. New Business.

Foster Lamm informed the Board that David Burns resigned his position on the Board earlier this summer. Foster would like to honor Dave at the December meeting with a cake and commemorative plaque. It was noted that Dave served as a Director of the Foundation from its inception in 2002 until his resignation. Foster will also include a reference to Dave's service in the next Foundation article for The Happenings.

Foster Lamm reviewed a report submitted by Shaunda Burdette about the last meeting of the Community Alliance. Shaunda has asked the Alliance to include the Black Diamond Foundation on the list of entities to receive the minutes of the Alliance meetings. These minutes are a good source of information about the happenings in many of the Citrus County non-profits. It was also noted that Citrus County Blessings, a recipient of Foundation grants, has lost some of its other financial support, and may be in need of additional funding. Finally, Shaunda reported that she is working to find an intern to work with the Foundation to establish social media accounts.

8. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 3, 2018, in the Diamond Room of the Black Diamond Clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Savard
Treasurer and substitute Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.
October 30, 2018