

Black Diamond Foundation  
Monday, March 4, 2019  
Black Diamond Club  
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Foster Lamm, Jon Radabaugh, Susan Savard, Mary Jane Bower, The Honorable Mark Yerman, Kent Rinker, Shaunda Burdette, Patrick Monea, Richard Ragatz and Karen Evans

Absent: Joan Plunkett

Guest: Kari Peters, Executive Director, Aspire

**1. Chair Foster Lamm called the meeting to order at 4:00pm, March 4, 2019, in the Diamond Room, Black Diamond Clubhouse**

**2. Presentations**

**Aspire**

Kari Peters, Executive Director, thanked the Foundation for their continued support to help with their mission to share the life changing message of healthy relationships by providing the youth of Citrus County with the skill and encouragement needed to avoid risky behaviors and make healthy decisions. This program is provided in all Citrus High Schools and also reaches middle schoolers. They also have at-risk mentoring, community awareness and parent/significant adult programs. Ms. Peters is asking for \$10,000 grant to show sustainability that supports their grant from the State of Florida Health Department.

**Citrus County Education Foundation**

Shaunda Burdette, Executive Director, presented the grant request in the absence of Susan Frampton, who was unavailable. Shaunda explained that the CCEF is dedicated to advocating for and funding programs that support and enrich our classroom teachers and students. They are requesting funding for three different programs for 2019-2020.

1. Foundation for Success Mini Grants – Request \$5000.  
This program gets a matching grant from the State of Florida. Last year 102 projects at a cost of \$69,962.35 were awarded to teachers for projects and needs.
2. First Library – Request \$5000.  
Ms. Burdette related that over 7,600 books have been distributed to over 1,500 Pre-K and Kindergarten students to provide an at home library. In their research they have discovered they need to also begin to focus on getting books to children birth to school age. This program also has a matching grant.

3. Golden Citrus Scholars - Request \$8,000.

Ms. Burdette is requesting grant funding for a “Black Diamond Scholarship Award” to be given out at their Golden Scholarship Awards. This is a request to fund eight \$1000 scholarships for each of the 8 winners of the best and brightest students from around the county in 8 different categories for academic achievement. There is also a Golden Heart Award for the student who showed exceptional academic achievement while overcoming enormous obstacles.

**3.Approval of Minutes**

Patrick Monea moved that the Minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting be approved as presented. Susan Savard seconded that motion which passed unanimously.

**4.Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Susan Savard forwarded the February Financial Statement to the Board for review prior to the meeting. Total liabilities and fund balances are \$168,102.66.

Pat Monea moved that we accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Karen Evans seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**5.Community Grant Requests**

**Aspire**

Kent Rinker moved that the Black Diamond Foundation grant \$10,000 to Aspire to support their sustainability. Pat Monea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Citrus County Education Foundation**

Black Diamond Foundation member Shaunda Burdette recused herself from participation in the discussion and the vote on this grant request.

Pat Monea moved that the The Black Diamond Foundation grant a total of \$12,000 to the Citrus County Educational Foundation as follows:

\$5,000.	Mini Grants
5,000.	First Library
2,000.	Golden Heart Award Sponsor for Golden Citrus Scholar Awards Program
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\$ 12,000.	Total

Dick Ragatz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**6.Old Business**

### **Golf Tournament**

Foster reported on the outcome of an initial meeting of a Board Committee who discussed ideas for the golf outing.

Discussion ensued about many of the changes that are being presented. It was decided to return to late January for a date for the tournament and Foster will work with the pro shop and club house to secure the date. The Board was in agreement with many of the changes that were suggested.

### **Path Roof**

This request is tabled until DuWayne Sipper of The Path gets more information on the particulars of the roof needed.

### **Report on Foundation support of 4C's auction**

As a 501c3 The Black Diamond Foundation will be supporting the 4C online auction, Charity Buzz. It seems to be doing very well and we may be interested in using this site for our BDF tournament auction.

## **7. New Business**

### **Proposed New Board Member – Lisa Honnold**

Pat Monea moved that the Board elect Lisa Honnold as a member of the Black Diamond Board of Directors. Susan Savard seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

### **Proposed Charitable Giving Seminar**

Foster has proposed to have John Ceparano, Modera Wealth Management, offer a seminar on charitable giving to the Black Diamond membership. Foster will set a date.

### **Annual Appeal**

Susan is waiting for the Annual Appeal letters and brochures to get back from the printer any day and will ask for help with hand writing notes and stuffing envelopes to get this out right away.

Discussion ensued about the accuracy of our mailing lists. Foster and Roger are working with Escalante to get updated lists and email access. Foster is also doing an analysis of the giving. Shaunda is has a high school student who will help to get the Foundation some presence on social media for her school project. Lively discussion brought out many good ideas for marketing The Foundation more broadly and more often.

## **8. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019, in the Diamond Room of the Black Diamond Clubhouse. Representatives from Nature Coast Ministries and Citrus County Blessings will be attending.

The May meeting will be changed to April 29, 2019.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Bower  
Secretary  
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.  
March 6, 2019