

Black Diamond Foundation
Monday, April 1, 2019
Black Diamond Club
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Foster Lamm, Jon Radabaugh, Susan Savard, Mary Jane Bower, Kent Rinker, Shaunda Burdette, Patrick Monea, Richard Ragatz, Karen Evans, Lisa Honnold, Roger Obenauf

Absent: Joan Plunkett, The Honorable Mark Yerman,

Guests: Sheriff Mike Prendergast Citrus County Sheriff's Office
Captain Justin Ferrera, CCSO
John Bourdeaux, Chairman, Serving Our Savior Food Pantry, SOS
Vickie Shaffer, Treasurer, Nature Coast Ministries, Inc
Dr. Linda Witherow, Chairman, Nature Coast Ministries, Inc

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

2. Presentations

Serving Our Savior (SOS)

John Bourdeaux said SOS is mainly focused on food distribution however they also deliver services that include counseling on Medicare and Medicaid, flu shots from the Health Department and clothing. There are 10 churches involved which supply funding and volunteers. There are over 50 volunteers a week. They stock food on Wednesdays and give out on Thursdays to 120-170 families a week. People are screened each week as they come in to make sure they have need and that they are from Citrus County.

Mr Bourdeaux stressed that there are no salaries in this organization and that all monies donated go toward food. He is in need of funding for more food and is requesting \$15,000 grant.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Prendergast shared information about the K-9 Team serving the CCSO. They have had a team of 8 trained dogs and handlers and one bloodhound and handler. He stated these dogs are 30-40% more productive than an officer in search and rescue and narcotics with their 6 million times more powerful sense of smell and are critical to the mission of the CCSO team overall. These dogs have a longevity of 5-7 years. Unfortunately they have unexpectedly lost the service of two dogs this year and are about to lose a third. It costs upwards of \$8000 to

replace a dog and another \$10-12,000 to train the dog and handler. So a fully trained dog is \$18-20K. They do not have a capital budget to replacement these and are asking for funding to help with this cost.

Nature Coast Ministries- Dental Clinic

Dr. Linda Witherow stated that the Nature Coast Ministries Dental Clinic has been at its current location in Crystal River for 3 years. It is a free dental clinic serving mainly poor veterans, poor elderly, homeless, people from rehab, etc. These are mainly referrals and they have a very long list of those needing care. In 2018 they served 116 patients at a value of \$134,000. They could serve more people if they had more dentists. They have some new volunteer dentists interested but the challenge is getting them licensed through the state for charity work. They are requesting funding for supplies.

3.Approval of Minutes

Roger Obenauf moved that the Minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting be approved as presented. Karen Evans seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4.Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Susan Savard forwarded the March Financial Statement to the Board for review prior to the meeting. Total liabilities and fund balances are \$173,173.99. Susan noted we have had a good response to the Annual Appeal already this month.

Kent Rinker moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Dick Ragatz seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5.Community Grant Requests

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Jon Radabaugh moved that the Black Diamond Foundation grant \$8,000 to CCSO to support the acquisition of one K-9 for the force. Dick Ragatz seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-4. Shaunda Burdette abstained.

Serve Our Savior SOS

Mary Jane Bower moved that The Black Diamond Foundation grant \$15,000 to the Serve Our Savior food ministry to be used for the purchase of food. Pat Monea seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Nature Coast Ministries Dental Clinic

Karen Evans moved that the Black Diamond Foundation grant \$10,000 to The Nature Coast Ministries Dental Clinic for the operation of the free dental clinic. Jon Radabaugh seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

6.Old Business

Community Alliance Meeting

Shaunda Burdette reported that the big topic now is the Anti Drug Coalition and the huge increase in teens using vaping and juuling. It is up 116% and they are looking at ways to prevent this.

Citrus Education Foundation - Golden

Shaunda reported that the Golden Citrus Scholar Awards have been selected and she passed around the invitation to these awards reminding us that we are all invited to attend this program: Thursday, April 25, 5:30pm Reception, 6:00 pm Awards at CCF, Lecanto Hwy.

7.New Business

Path Roof

They continue to look at options

8.Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 29, 2019, in the Diamond Room of the Black Diamond Clubhouse. Representatives from Beverly Hills Civic Association, Boy Scouts and Community Food Bank expect to be attending.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Bower
Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.
April 2, 2019

