

Black Diamond Foundation
Monday, November 4, 2019
Black Diamond Club
Lecanto, FL

Present: Foster Lamm, Mary Jane Bower, Roger Obenauf, Dick Ragatz,
Joan Plunkett, Karen Evans, Lisa Honnold, Honorable Mark Yerman, Kent Rinker, Jon
Radabaugh, Pat Monea

Absent: Susan Savard, Shaunda Burnett

Guests: **Bayley Edwards**, Scout, Girl Scouts of West Central Florida
Pat Lancaster, Student Services Coordinator, Take Stock in Children of
Citrus County
Doug Lobel, Volunteer Executive Director, Citrus County Thanksgiving
Feeding Alliance

1. Meeting called to Order by Foster Lamm at 4:05pm, November 4, 2019

2. Presentations

Girl Scouts

Bayley Edwards is a Senior at Crystal River High School. She has been a Girl Scout since second grade and is now a Senior Scout and is working on her Gold Award Project, the highest award in Girl Scouting. Her Gold Award Project is titled Light Your Way to a Safe Education. She wants to provide all middle and high school students that ride the bus or walk or bike to school in the morning, when it is dark, with LED Light Up reflectors that can clip onto their backpacks to increase their visibility. Bayley believes too many students have been injured or lost their lives walking in the dark on their way to school. According to the CCS Transportation Director, there are 2,600 students who ride the bus in the morning. She has found a reflector key light with a carabiner clip for \$1.13 each. These lights would be distributed for free to students. Ms. Edwards is requesting \$1500 to purchase an initial order of approximately 1,500 lights.

Take Stock in Children

Pat Lancaster, Student Services Coordinator, thanked the Black Diamond Foundation for the many years of support to this organization to help fund scholarships. Take Stock in Children provides guidance, caring mentors, scholarships and hope for deserving students. Students are selected between 6th and 9th grades and must meet low-income and at-risk guidelines. Mentor volunteers meet with students once a week in school. Students sign a contract and pledge to meet with their mentors regularly, maintain

academic academic standards, and remain drug and crime-free. Currently there are 50 students in this program in Citrus County. Some of the latest statistics showing the success of this program are: 104 students have graduated from the program, 22 students have graduated college, 51 are enrolled in college, 98 students have attended college.

Ms. Lancaster is requesting funding of \$10,000 toward scholarships.

Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance

Doug Lobel reviewed the history of funding and supplying of turkeys and Thanksgiving non-perishable foods to the needy. Publix is no longer sponsoring the cost of the turkeys. They are allowing volunteers from the Feeding Alliance to ask for donations in front of their stores. Last year we granted \$2000 with a required community challenge match and this worked very well and raised more funds than they needed. These Thanksgiving meals will be distributed on November 23rd and he is looking for volunteers.

Doug is asking for \$3000 toward a community challenge match. Unused funds will be returned to the Foundation.

3.Approval of Minutes

Dick Ragatz moved that the minutes of the May 3, 2019 be approved as presented. Joan Plunkett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4.Treasurers Report

Treasurer Susan Savard forwarded the June, July, August, September and October financials. Kent Rinker moved that the Treasurers Reports be accepted as submitted. Karen Evans seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5.Community Grant Requests

Girl Scouts

The Honorable Mark Yerman moved that The Black Diamond Foundation grant \$1500 to Bayley Edwards for her Gold Award Project, Light Your Way to a Safe Education to purchase the LED illuminated reflectors. Dick Ragatz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Take Stock in Children

Kent Rinker moved that the Black Diamond Foundation grant \$10,000 to Take Stock in Children for scholarships. Mary Jane Bower seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Citrus County Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance

Dick Ragatz moved that the Black Diamond Foundation grant \$3000. to the Citrus County Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance with the requirement of a community match of \$3000. Karen Evans seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

6.New Business

Golf Tournament

Foster Lamm reported that the tournament plans are going well. Roger Obenauf has been working diligently on procuring sponsorships. Foster is trying to get Tom Fazio to agree to be our speaker for the dinner on Sunday night. He will also contact The Golf Channel for possible speakers. We will be using Charity Buzz for auction of some items.

Financial Plan for Annual Grant Allocation of Funds

Historically, we are comfortably generating \$150,000 each year from the golf tournament and donations. We granted \$170,000 last year. We will plan in the future to allocate \$150,000 per year with \$100,000 balance held in reserves.

A clarification as to how Foster estimated this seasons revenue at \$150K. To get the estimate Foster calculated actual donations from May 1 to date, added actual contributions received from November 1 to May 1 of last year and then added an estimate of tournament revenue.

Communication with Membership Update

Thank you to Roger Obenauf for his efforts to secure a good database of emails for communication and tracking interest. Also, monthly Black Diamond Foundation emails

are explaining needs in the community that are being met by our Black Diamond Foundation grants along with other news of the Citrus County efforts for those in need.

7.Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of the Black Diamond Foundation will be held on Monday, December 2, 2019. Mary Jane noted she will not be at the December or January meetings so will need someone to act as secretary and do the minutes. Joan has volunteered to do the minutes for the December 2 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Bower
Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.
November 5, 2019