

Black Diamond Foundation  
Monday, February 3, 2020  
Black Diamond Club  
Lecanto, FL

Present: Mary Jane Bower, Kent Rinker, Foster Lamm, Susan Savard, Jon Radabaugh, Pat Monea, Hon. Mark Yerman, Lisa Honnold, Dick Ragatz, Roger Obenauf, Joan Plunkett, Shaunda Burdette

Absent: Karen Evans

Guests: John Bourdeaux, Volunteer Director, Serving Our Savior Food Pantry  
Victoria Shaffer, Director, Nature Coast Dental Clinic  
Sandra Woodard, Director, Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast

Meeting was called to order by Foster Lamm at 4:00pm, February 3, 2020.

**Presentations:**

**Serving Our Savior (SOS) Food Pantry**

John Bordeaux stated in 2019 SOS served over 20,000 people, 7,000 families, handed out 430,000 lbs of food. Ten local churches are involved in this ministry supplying funds and volunteers. Food and services are available every other week when 50 volunteers help to receive goods and hand out on Thursday. John explained how SOS has expanded their services to include such things as vitamins, clothing, counseling and insurance. There will be a fundraising golf tournament at Black Diamond on February 28, 2020.

SOS is requesting \$20,000 grant to purchase food.

**Nature Coast Dental Clinic**

Ms Shaffer stated the clinic has a new Executive Director, Dr. John Seeberg, DMD, who has experience in non-profit management. In 2019 the clinic served 750 procedures helping 385 patients. The value of the services they have delivered over the life of the clinic is in excess of \$500,000. They credit the support and generosity of the BDF in making this possible.

The Dental Clinic is requesting continued operational support of \$10,000 and \$4,900. for computers and printers which need replacement.

## **Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast**

Sandra Woodard stated the Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast includes five counties and was created as a foundation to support learning for young children of low income families which covers children from 6 weeks old until school age. These families must be under 150% of the poverty level to qualify. Parents must be either working or in school. She stated this is high quality childcare and learning environments which include learning, speech and physical therapies served at 72 contracted sites. In 2019 1272 children were served in Citrus County. This program is Federal and State funded with dollar for dollar match.

Request for \$10,000.

## **Minutes**

Acceptance of minutes of January 6 and 13 was moved by Dick Ragatz and seconded by Jon Radabaugh. Approved unanimously.

## **Treasurers Report**

Susan Savard reviewed the January Financial Report and stated we have an unrestricted fund balance of \$216,106.62.

Member contributions were up in 2019. The Golf tournament raised approximately \$44,000.

It was moved by Mary Jane Bower and seconded by Joan Plunkett to give Susan Savard the authority to open the LPL Financial Brokerage account and to approve the Financial Report. Approved unanimously.

The Annual Appeal will be targeted for March. Susan says she will not do it this year and she suggests that we do this electronically and asked for volunteers. Roger Obenauf and Foster Lamm will commit work on this new format for the Annual Appeal. Joan Plunkett committed to write thank you notes.

## **Grant Requests**

### **SOS**

Moved by Roger Obenauf and seconded by Joan Plunkett that we grant SOS \$15,000 to purchase food. Approved unanimously.

### **Nature Coast Dentistry**

Moved by Kent Rinker and seconded by Lisa Honnold to grant \$15,000 to Nature Coast Dentistry for operations and capital equipment. Approved unanimously.

### **Early Learning Coalition**

Moved by Roger Obenauf and seconded by Joan Plunkett to grant \$10,000. To the Early Learning Coalition with the expectation that the BDF expects ELC to submit completed outcomes of measurement for students who enter the Citrus County School District, from early learning centers, kindergarten ready. Include the total number of students being serviced in the early childhood centers.

### **Old Business**

Community Alliance:

Shaunda reported that affordable housing was the big topic this week. They focused on the homeless population and what we can do as a community for these people.

BDF Golf Tournament:

Foster has had some follow up with the proshop and Jim Ludowese. He will have a meeting for interested parties on Thursday to review all aspects and plan a date for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57pm

Next meetings will be March 2 and April 6, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Bower

Secretary

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.

February 17, 2020