

Black Diamond Foundation
Monday, February 1, 2021
Meeting via Zoom
Lecanto, FL

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

Absent: Shaunda Burdette, Lisa Honnold

Guests: Kathy Harrington, Bd of Dir, Serve Our Savior Food Bank (SOS)
DuWayne Sipper, CEO, The Path of Citrus County
Christina Reed, Citrus County Blessings
Pat Lancaster, Director, Take Stock in Children

Meeting was called to order by Roger Obenauf at 4:03pm, February 1, 2021 via Zoom.

Presentations:

SOS

Kathy Harrington spoke of the great loss to SOS with the death of John Bourdeaux, honoring his devotion and untiring support of the mission and growth of SOS.

During COVID the mission was able to convert to fully outdoor, handsfree delivery of food into trunks of recipients. They serve only on Thursdays and families can come every other week. In the month of December they served 667 families with 54K lb in food.

SOS was not able to have their annual fundraiser and is requesting grants from CARES, Rotary, Walmart and Save a Lot. They are requesting \$25,000 in funding from BDF for food.

The Path of Citrus County

DuWayne Sipper updated the Board on all of the renovations still going on and which are nearing completion. They have had no COVID cases at all. They currently have 30 rooms for clients. Now have 50 clients with 15 children and are expected to be at 70 clients by the end of 2021. They are building up staff to handle the increase in numbers. The Path has had grants come from CARES and CCCCCF. They are requesting a grant of \$15,000 from BDF for an air conditioner.

Citrus County Blessings

Christina Reed stated their programs are currently serving food to 1500 students. The referrals come from school staff. It costs \$20-50K in food a month and they receive food two times a month from the CC Food Bank. They are receiving grants from Rotary, CARES (\$50K) and CCCCCF (\$51K). They are requesting \$5,000 from BDF for food.

Take Stock in Children

Pat Lancaster stated that 2020 has all been remote contact between students and mentors and it has been an interesting change. 12 students graduated last year and went on to college. 12 more will graduate this year. They now have 54 students who have been through the program and then gone to college with TSC scholarships. Scholarships are for 2 years and for the most part students attend CF. They currently have 51 active students and 49 mentors. Children in grades 6-9 can apply for this program. They are requesting \$8,000 from BDF for scholarships.

Minutes

Acceptance of minutes of January 4, 2020 was moved by Joan Plunkett and seconded by Jon Radabaugh. Approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Susan Savard reviewed the January 2021 Financial Report and stated we have an unrestricted fund balance of \$202,404.53.

Mary Jane Bower moved to accept the January 2021 Financial Report as submitted and motion was seconded by Karen Evans. Approved unanimously.

Grant Requests

SOS

Foster Lamm submitted a motion to grant SOS \$5,000 for food. Seconded by Kent Rinker. Approved unanimously.

Citrus County Blessings

The Board will ask for current financial as of June 2020 or later before considering any grants.

The Path of Citrus County

Dick Ragatz submitted a motion to grant \$7500 to The Path for an air conditioner. Seconded by Mary Jane Bower. Approved unanimously.

Take Stock in Children

Foster Lamm submitted a motion to grant \$8,000 to Take Stock in Children for scholarships. Kent Rinker seconded. Approved Unanimously.

Old Business

Susan Savard submitted a motion to confirm a January email vote in which the Board approved the distribution of a \$15,000 donation from Sharron Rosenberg to be distributed as follows: \$10,000 to Citrus County Resource Center and \$5,000 to Community Food Bank of Citrus County. Karen Evans seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

Golf Tournament Fundraiser

The BDF golf Tournament has been cancelled. The Els for Autism Foundation Pro Am is taking over this date at BD and will be bringing in pros from the Senior Tour and some funds may be donated to the BDF. We will be working on ways to play off this event to raise funds for BDF.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51pm
Next meeting will be March 1, 2021 at 4 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Bower
Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.
February 9, 2021