

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

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

Absent: Pat Monea, Kent Rinker

Guests: Vicky Shaffer and Sue Grabell, Nature Coast Ministries  
Linda Axelson, Church Administrator, St Anne's Episcopal Church

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

**Presentations:**

**Nature Coast Ministries**

Vicky Shaffer and Sue Grabell updated the board on NCM. The dental clinic is currently open 2 days and 2 nights a week. They have 2 permanent dentists and 4 parttime dentists. All work is on volunteer basis except for one person on salary. They need more dentists in order to grow patient numbers but these volunteers are hard to find. The patients come from hospital referrals, veterans, homeless and low income. Their fixed costs for this clinic are \$4000 per month. Requesting grant of \$10,000 for operations.

**St. Anne's Episcopal Church**

The food ministry of this church has been open for 15 years and was basically run by one person. Linda Axelson is now administering this program. In 2020 they served 117 families or 332 individuals, mostly seniors. Recipients must live in Citrus County and each year they must fill out new paperwork to register. Each recipient receives a bag with \$20 worth of food along with recipies to use to stretch the food. Through the registration process and with follow up calls and contacts the ministry is gathering more information on who these recipients are and how this food is making a difference for them. Requesting a grant of \$2000.

**Minutes**

Acceptance of minutes of February 1, 2020 was moved by Dick Ragatz and seconded by Karen Evans. Approved unanimously.

**Treasurers Report**

Susan Savard reviewed the February 2021 Financial Report and stated we have an unrestricted fund balance of \$196,109.76. Donations from members due to the annual appeal have been coming in at a good pace.

Foster Lamm moved to accept the January 2021 Financial Report as submitted and motion was seconded by Joan Plunkett. Approved unanimously.

### **Grant Requests**

#### **Nature Coast Ministries**

Foster Lamm submitted a motion to grant Nature Coast Ministries \$10,000 for operations. Seconded by Joan Plunkett. Approved unanimously.

#### **St. Anne's Episcopal Church Food Ministries**

Jon Radabaugh submitted a motion to grant \$2,000 to support the food distribution efforts of St. Anne's Episcopal Church. Confirmation of tax exempt status must be shown. This grant is offered due to the demands of COVID.

### **Old Business**

Citrus County Blessings grant request is not supported at this time.

### **New Business**

#### **BDF Charity Liaisons**

A discussion ensued around the need for Black Diamond Foundation board members selecting one of our charities to be a liaison to support them. This effort is considered important in order to have a closer relationship and knowledge of the charities efforts and needs. Roger will put together a list of the charities he thinks could benefit from this closer relationship. Many BDF Board members have committed to taking this approach.

Next meeting will be April 5, 2021 at 4 pm. Grant applications will be coming in for Salvation Army and Make-A-Wish for our consideration at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Bower  
Secretary

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.  
March 6, 2021