

Black Diamond Foundation
Monday, December 6, 2021
Black Diamond Clubhouse
Lecanto, FL

Present: Mary Jane Bower, Foster Lamm, Jon Radabaugh, Dick Ragatz, Roger Obenauf, Susan Savard, Judge Mark Yerman, Pat Monea, Lisa Honnold

Absent: Joan Plunkett, Kent Rinker, Karen Evans, Shaunda Burdette

Guest: DuWayne Sipper, Executive Director, The Path of Citrus County

The meeting was called to order at 3:59 pm, December 6, 2021.

Presentation:

DuWayne Sipper thanked the Black Diamond Foundation for our over 19 years of support to The Path. They have just finished \$1.6 million in renovations and upgrades to the motel property including such things as replacing all AC units, cedar playground, security fencing, laundry room. The Path is currently averaging 50 people including 20 children. DuWayne has increased pay 25% for staff and have just hired a new Director. They had their biggest fundraising year in 2021.

The Path is requesting a grant of \$15,000 to purchase a used van.

Minutes:

Foster Lamm moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Dick Ragatz. Approved unanimously.

Financials:

Susan Savard reviewed the November Financial Report and stated we have an unrestricted balance of \$216,015.23.

Mary Jane Bower moved to approve the Financial Report as submitted and by Jon Radabaugh. Approved unanimously.

Grant Requests:

Dick Ragatz moved to grant The Path \$10,000 for a used mini van. Seconded by Pat Monea. Approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Casino Party Gala Fundraiser

Roger Obenauf reviewed the options he and the committee have discussed for the Casino Party. Our costs are estimated at \$50 per person. It was decided to charge \$200 entry fee for this event and to promote it as our only fundraising event of the year. Foster Lamm will make and promote the Board of Squares. Roger Obenauf will finalize a contract with the Casino vendor and will send out an email to membership and homeowners promoting this event.

New Business

The Board recognized the dedicated service of Susan Savard as board member and Treasurer for more than 8 years. Thank you, Susan, for your commitment to the Black Diamond Foundation and to our Citrus County community.

Mary Jane Bower suggested that the Board needs to be recruiting new members. Many of us have been on the board for over 6 years. There ensued a discussion of some people that would be a good fit and some of our board members offered to approach likely candidates. Roger will be sending out an email to encourage interested people to apply to join us in this mission.

Next meeting: Monday January 3, 2022 4pm

Adjourned: 4:55pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Bower
Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc
December 11, 2021