

**Black Diamond Foundation, Inc**  
**Monday, February 6, 2023, 4 p.m.**  
**Black Diamond Clubhouse**  
**Lecanto, FL**

**Present:** Roger Obenauf, Mary Jane Bower, Pat Monea, Dick Ragatz,  
Lisa Honnold, Foster Lamm, Linda Thomas, Joan Plunkett, Jon  
Radabaugh

**Absent:** Shaunda Burdette, Hon. Bruce Carney,

**Guests:** DuWayne Sipper, Executive Director, The Path and Katherine Sipper  
Travis Anderson, Executive Director, Boys and Girls Clubs of Citrus  
County  
Barbara Sprague, Executive Director, Community Food Bank of Citrus  
County

**Presentations:**

**The Path** DuWayne Sipper stated the motel has been open for 2 years. Last year they took in 4 single dads with their children which was a first and a real blessing. The Path is part of a network of 300 rescue missions so he is able to see and share successes and concerns in the current economy. DuWayne sees a major growth issue for Citrus County will be the labor shortage and lack of affordable housing for those workers and for those currently living here. Wage inflation continues and has affected the Path but they have been able to retain many of their employees. They had a 1.25 million budget 2022. The Path is requesting \$10,000 towards a new truck.

**Boys and Girls Clubs of Citrus County** The Boys and Girls Clubs mission is to offer mentoring, academic support, fitness and personal enrichment and employability skills. They have been in existence for 30 years and have three club locations: Beverly Hills, Inverness and Homosassa and have seen a 20% increase of children served. However, they have long waiting lists and are exploring options for a club in Crystal River. They are in good financial standing and have good reserves.

BGCCC is requesting \$15,000 for scholarships for their before and after school programs which cost \$85 per month per child.

**Community Food Bank** Barbara Sprague began by sharing a typical bag of food which a family would receive from a food pantry. This bag has a small amount of basic foods: a few fresh things, canned, boxed, a little meat protein. Most pantries give out food once a month and this bag will not last very many days. 52% of the Citrus County population have food insecure. They are requesting \$50,000 towards paying down their current \$400K mortgage.

### Minutes:

Moved by Joan Plunkett and seconded by Foster to approve the January 2, 2023 Minutes. Approved unanimously.

### Financials:

Roger noted we have unrestricted funds of \$248,098.05 in the unrestricted fund balance. Moved by Pat Monea and seconded by Jon Radabugh to approve 1/31/2023 Financial Statement. Approved unanimously.

Pat Monea said we have not gotten the year end final Financial Statements. Roger will forward these to us and we will put this matter on the March meeting agenda for vote .

### Grants:

**The Path** Jon Radabaugh made a motion to grant The Path \$10,000 towards the purchase of a truck. Seconded by Pat Monea. Approved unanimously.

**Boys and Girls Clubs of Citrus County** A motion was made by Dick Ragatz to grant \$15,000 to the BGCCC for scholarships. Seconded by Joan Plunkett and approved unanimously.

**Community Food Bank** A motion was made by Joan Plunkett to grant \$50,000 to the Community Food Bank for paydown of their mortgage. Seconded by Lisa Honnold. Foster Lamm abstained from voting. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Old Business**

Joan Plunkett suggested new placement in the lobby for Memorial boards.

The Nature Coast Ministries Dental Clinic has withdrawn their request for a grant for BDF. With the help of Roger Obenauf they are pursuing other funding avenues.

**New Business:**

Find 'Em Friends will be presenting at the March meeting for a grant for scent kits. We will do a field trip to the Community Food Bank for our April 3 meeting.

**Next meeting:** March 6, 2023 at 4:00 in the BDR boardroom.

Adjourned at 5:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Bower  
Recording Secretary  
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc  
February 13, 2023