

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.
Monday, April 1, 2024
Black Diamond Ranch Boardroom
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Roger Obenauf, Jon Radabaugh, Dick Ragatz, Patrick Monea, Lisa Honnold, Linda Thomas, Honorable Bruce Carney, Foster Lamm, Joan Plunkett

Absent: Shaunda Burdette

Attendee: Jay Joines

Guests : Community Food Bank - Steve Ponticus and Barbara Sprague
Travis Anderson - Boys Club/ Girls Club
Nichelle Mohre-Cassidy - Ya YAS

1. The meeting was called to Order at 4:00pm, Monday, April 1, 2024

2. Presentation :

The Community Food Bank partners with Feeding America, who oversees this area to cover. They pick up reclaimed food" which is free, but they receive "purchased" food at a discount rate. They provide to the "Working Hungry" and Homeless. Any fresh food that cannot be distributed goes to pig farmers.

Steve distributed a circular with information about the Community Food Bank. It highlights the work they do, and the increasing need for additional food. Currently, "they are the primary provider of food relief and supplies for 60+pantries, soup kitchens, ministries and shelters."

He then answered board member questions.

Their last "Match" was successful, and they plan another "Match" soon. They are requesting \$50,000.

Boys Club Girls Club

Travis Anderson, CEO, made the presentation. He explained the mission and the programs they provide - AfterSchool, Summer, Holiday and Spring Break programs that are all free of charge. They also provide Before School Care that is \$85/month.

They have a waiting list and are looking for an appropriate space in Crystal River where there is a need for all these programs.

They have a mobile bus that is a Wood Shop Class and a Blue Door Pizza truck. It gives teens the chance to earn ServeSave Certification and learn valuable life skills.

Mr. Anderson answered board members' questions.

They are requesting \$15,000. for the Morning Program.

Ya YAs

Nichelle Mohre-Cassidy, Executive Director, made the presentation. She distributed a 4 page handout which highlighted Budget, Funding, Partners and what needs are in Citrus County that they are addressing.

She presented 2 case studies that highlight why the shelter is needed. It will provide housing, food, Drop-In services and programs.

They are looking for additional funding with Grants, Federal HUD dollars, Foundations and Fund Raising activities.

here are currently 92 certified homeless youth in Citrus County. Rent of the property is \$12,000./month.

Ms. Mohre-Cassidy answered all board member questions.

They are awaiting 501c3 status.

3. Approval of the March 4 minutes and March 31st Financials

Motion to Approve : Patrick Monea

Seconded : Honorable Bruce Carney

Motion passed

4. Grant Requests

Motion by Dick Ragatz to grant \$50,000. to the Community Food Bank with a Match

Seconded : Patrick Monea

Abstained: Foster Lamm

Motion passed

Motion made by Joan Plunkett to grant \$15,000. to Boys Club Girls Club for their Early Morning Program.

Seconded : Foster Lamm

Motion passed

We will have to wait until the Ya YAs have a 501c3 status before considering a grant to them.

5. Old Business

We are still waiting on financial information for Citrus County Blessings.

6. New Business

None

7. Next Meeting : Monday, April 22, 2024 at 4:00 pm

Motion to Adjourn at 5:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted : Joan Plunnkett