

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

July 7, 2016

Thirteen board members and two guests were present. The June minutes were approved.

Pantry expenditures were greater than revenues for the month of June. Expenditures were higher because revenues for June were low, the need to purchase food was high and there were some staff training costs. The additional expenses were covered with Pantry reserve funds.

The Pantry served 1,080 people in June and volunteers donated 550.5 hours.

The “Summer Food for Families” program is serving an average of 12 families about 40 kids every two weeks. Please come by the Pantry to sign up.

The EPCP Board is considering a change in hours of operation. There are two reasons for a possible change in hours; 1) to better serve clients and 2) the difficulty of finding volunteers to stay open 5 days a week/ 8 hours a day. A second survey will be conducted to determine if a change in operating hours would be beneficial to clients and volunteers. Please take time to complete a survey when they are ready for circulation.

The Pantry will be hosting a pork dinner fundraiser in conjunction with Calhan Summer Fest; Friday, July 15, 2016. The menu will consist of a pulled pork sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, brownies and a drink for \$9.00. Pantry volunteers will start serving between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. The Pantry will be closed at 2:00 p.m. on Friday July 15th in order to set-up the dinner booth at the Summer Fest.

The Pantry Board was informed by Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado that the Pantry’s Food Safety Equipment Grant was approved. The Pantry was given a thermo blanket, an infrared temperature gun and 5 thermometers. These items will be used to monitor temperatures of stored and transported food.

The Board discussed how to control the temperature in the storage room. Canned food should be stored in a temperature range from 50 to 70 degrees. On hot days the temperature in the storeroom goes above 70 degrees and on cold days the

temperature will sometimes drop below 50 degrees. The Board is looking into purchasing a large fan that with a thermostat control to help in regulating the storeroom temperature.

The Pantry is in need of sheets, pillow cases, blankets, and men's jeans.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, July 15th, starting at 11:00 a.m. This is the same date as the Calhan Summer Fest. Additional volunteers will be needed to work the Mobile Food Pantry and the pulled pork dinner on the same day. If you can help, please stop by the Pantry to sign-up.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, August 1, 2016, 6:00 p.m., at the Pantry Building.