

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

January 4, 2016

Fourteen board members and five guests were present. The December minutes were approved.

Pantry revenues were greater than expenses for the month of December. Revenues were higher thanks to donations from Hemosolutions Calhan, Credit Service Company Woodland Park, office space rental payment from REACH Pikes Peak and several individuals in Pantry service area.

The Pantry served 985 people and volunteers donated 695 hours in December.

The Pantry Board would like to thank the Girl Scouts for the coat drive they sponsored for the Pantry.

The January newsletter is almost ready to be disseminated. Efforts are underway to establish an on-line donation system.

The Board held elections for 2016 trustees. The following community members were elected Ken Antons (3 years), Reva Lopez (3), Bob Selle (3), Cheryl Lopez (3), Carl Finney (3), Matthew Lee (2) and Carolyn Gardner (1 year alternate). The following officers were elected for a one year term; Bob Selle – President, Ed Bridges – Vice President, Reva Lopez – Secretary and Joan Lawson – Treasurer. The following coordinators were elected for a one year term; Cheryl Lopez – Pantry Coordinator, Reva Lopez – Volunteer Coordinator, Ingrid Norton – Clothing and Small Household Items Coordinator, Sharon Agun and Carolyn Gardner – Public Relations Coordinators and Ed Bridges – Assistant Coordinator for Emergency Food.

The Board adopted the 2016 budget with estimated revenues of \$28,600 and expenses of \$31,200. The budget has a deficit of \$2,600 but the Pantry has enough money in reserves to cover the deficit.

The Pantry is in need of winter clothing (hats, gloves, scarves, boots and especially coats), sheets and blankets.

The meeting concluded with a lengthy discussion about the reduction of hours of the REACH Pikes Peak agent in Calhan – Carl Finney. The Pantry Board expressed deep concern about the reduction of hours for this much needed service for Eastern El Paso County. The Board will send a letter of concern to the Executive Director of REACH Pikes Peak listing the issues the reduction in hours will create for community members in need of help.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, January 15th, starting at 11:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, February 1, 2016, 6:00 p.m., at the Pantry Building. Important topics scheduled for the next meeting will be donor recognition and fund raisers.