

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

June 6, 2016

Twelve board members and three guests were present. The May minutes were approved.

Pantry expenditures were greater than revenues for the month of May. Expenditures were higher because of the annual maintenance contract on the copier, repairs for the boiler and the purchase of food for the "Summer Food for Families" program. The additional expenses were covered with Pantry reserve funds.

The Pantry served 1,090 people in May (an all time high) and volunteers donated 594 hours.

The Board of Directors appointed Tasha Ryan as the Clothing and Small Household Items Coordinator through December 31, 2016.

The "Summer Food for Families" program will provide food boxes to families throughout the summer. Boxes will be available every two weeks starting on June 6th. Please come by the Pantry to sign up.

A survey of Pantry services and operating hours was conducted during the month of May. Over 80 pantry clients completed the survey with the vast majority indicating appreciation for the Pantry and volunteers that work at the Pantry. A second survey will be conducted to determine if a change in operating hours would be beneficial to clients and volunteers.

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 Board was informed that a Farmers State Bank Endowment Fund grant was approved to build a loading ramp and concrete pad on the north end of the Pantry building. The ramp will be used to load and unload supplies for the Pantry and the pad will be used for a walk-in freezer to be purchased in the future.

To better preserve canned food the storage room temperature should be between 50 and 70 degrees. A large building fan with a thermostat would help regulate store room temperature. A board member is gathering information about fans and will report at the next meeting.

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, June 17th, starting at 11:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, July 7, 2016, 6:00 p.m., at the Pantry Building. The regular meeting date was changed as it fell on the Fourth of July.