

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

November 7, 2016

Thirteen board members and six guests were present. The October 3rd minutes were approved.

Haley Gerhart, a student at Calhan School, made a presentation to the Board about helping the homeless. She is passionate about helping people with no home. Haley asks people to help the homeless by donating, volunteering and caring. The Pantry does serve homeless people more often than expected. The Board thanked Haley for her presentation.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for the month of October. Some one time expenditures related to fire safety (fire extinguishers, a panic bar and exit ramps) were paid last month. The excess expenditures were paid out of reserve funds.

The Pantry served 1030 people in October and volunteers donated 642 hours.

The Board had a lengthy discuss on how to approach the issue of clients taking large amounts of clothing and small household items, and selling them on E-bay or at yard sales. This is a very delicate subject as the Board wants to make sure clients in need get the help they need yet we are concerned about those few that would take personal advantage of Pantry offerings. A large sign will be made stating that Pantry items are not for resale and volunteers will speak with individuals suspected of misuse.

The "Holiday Giving" program is in full swing; 49 families have signed up for Thanksgiving food, 59 for Christmas food, 70 children for Christmas toys and 30 for "Teen Angels". The cut-off for signing up for Thanksgiving food is Friday, November 11th. People can sign-up at the Pantry.

Notification was given that the rent for the pantry building will increase from \$250 to \$275 per month. The rent has been \$250 for three years.

The Pantry is in need of a walk-in freezer, a large portable evaporator cooler, sheets, pillow cases, blankets, men's jeans and winter clothing. The Leo Club at Calhan High School donated 460 pounds of food to the Pantry - Thank You Leos. A scout troop in Falcon will be hosting a food drive, employees at Lockheed – Martin are sponsoring a coat drive and the employees of Credit Service Company are hosting a food drive for Eastern Plains Community Pantry. These drives are greatly appreciated by the EPCP Board.

Here is something to look for; Addie and Louis Productions are filming a movie titled "Our Souls at Night" starring Robert Redford and Jane Fonda in Colorado. Pictures of the pantry building may be in the movie and/or used to advertize the movie.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, November 18th, staring at 10:00 a.m.

The new Pantry hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Mon. - Wed. and 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Thur. and Fri.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, December 5, 2016, 6:00 p.m., at the Pantry.