

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

January 9, 2017

Fifteen board members and four guests were present. The December 5th minutes were approved.

Pantry revenues were greater than expenses for the month of December. Many businesses and individuals made end of the year donations to the Pantry in December. Revenues were greater thanks to donations from NextEra, Golden West Wind, Hemosolutions, Calhan Vet Clinic, and several individuals. In addition, the employees at Credit Service Works donated 680 pounds of food.

The Pantry served 965 people in December and volunteers donated 635 hours.

The Board approved the budget for 2017. It is a deficit budget because of funds collected in 2016 for the purchase of a walk-in freezer in 2017. The Pantry does have the funding to purchase a 600 cubic feet walk-in freezer that should be operational by March. The bulk of the budget expenditures will go toward purchasing food and the freezer.

The Board elected Ed Bridges, Deb Drew, Carolyn Gardner, Shorty Lopez and Nancy Lutz to three year trustee terms. Robin Lopez will be the alternate trustee to the Board. The following officers were elected; Bob Selle, President, Ed Bridges, Vice President, Reva Lopez, Secretary and Joan Lawson, Treasurer. The 2017 coordinators are Cheryl Lopez, Food Pantry, Reva Lopez, Volunteers, Tasha Ryan, Clothing and Small Household Items, and Carolyn Gardner, Public Relations. At the February meeting an assistant will be appointed to help each coordinator.

The "Holiday Giving" program provided 68 Christmas dinners to area families and the Pantry provided about a dozen more. Three Christmas toys per child were provided for 269 teens and kids; for a total of 807 toys. The date for the next toy give away is scheduled for December 9, 2017.

Plans are underway to recognize the 2016 Pantry donors in March.

The Board entered into a discussion about Pantry operating hours – no changes were made.

The Board approved funds for a security camera system and 5 window shades.

The Pantry is in need of a large portable evaporator cooler, sheets, pillow cases, blankets, men's clothing especially jeans and winter clothing especially coats.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, January 20th, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is February 6, 2017, 6:00 pm, at the Pantry.