

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

April 3, 2017

Fourteen board members and one guest were present. The March 6th minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for the month of March. Expenses were greater due to a second payment on the walk-in freezer. The freezer payment was made from grant money received. Revenues were greater than expenses for operations thanks to a donation from the Lilly Pearl Foundation and individual donors.

The Pantry served 909 people in March and volunteers donated 580 hours.

Discussion about the "Summer Food for Families" program included funding sources, method of food distribution and promotion of the program.

The Pantry will have a float entry in the Loyalty Day Parade on May 6th. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Pantry at 9:00 am to decorate the float. The Parade lineup is at 10:00 am on 10th Street by Calhan School and the Parade starts at 11:00 am.

The Board is considering the purchase of a pantry cell phone to be used for volunteer coordination instead of using a Member's personal phone. A subcommittee is checking into prices and options.

The Pantry Board discussed the installation of a cooking sink in order to host "Cooking Matters" classes. Members of the Board are checking with the Calhan Fire Protection District for permission, the plumbing logistics and the cost.

The new walk-in freezer is operational. There are a few minor adjustments that need to be made by United Restaurant Supply before final payment is made and shelving is needed. The Board approved the purchase of six shelving units for the freezer.

The Pantry does not qualify to participate in ColoradoGives. Organizations must report revenues totaling more than \$50,000 for the previous fiscal year. The Pantry does not generate enough money annually. The Pantry can apply for participation with the Colorado Springs Indy Give Campaign. Board decided not to participate because of the fee and time required by Indy Give – maybe next year.

The Pantry is in need of a large portable evaporator cooler, commercial food display refrigerator, sheets, pillow cases, blankets, men's clothing especially jeans, coats and jackets, shirt hangers and volunteers.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, April 21st, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is May 1, 2017, 6:00 pm, at the Pantry.