

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

August 7, 2017

Fourteen board members and two guests were present. The July 10th minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for the month of July. Expenses were higher because of additional emergency food purchases, electrical hook-up of walk-in freezer and volunteer recognition supplies.

The Pantry served 1,067 people in July and volunteers donated 590 hours. Wal-Mart in Falcon is donating food and clothing to the Pantry 3 times per week. The donations add up to about 1,000 pounds per week. The Pantry is receiving fresh produce from the Mountain Springs Church Aquaponic Garden. Loaf and Jug is also donating food each week. These donations will help reduce the amount of emergency food the Pantry has to purchase.

The "Volunteer of the Month" for July is Bob Snell. Bob works a regular schedule each week but volunteer's additional time when other volunteers can't work. He always has a smile and a sense of humor to share with clients and fellow volunteers.

Carolyn Gardner is revising the Pantry Website – thanks Carolyn.

EPCP will have a table at the Community Outreach Coalition Health and Education Fair on Sept. 23rd.

Thanks to Shorty and Cheryl Lopez for volunteering their roaster and time to organize the pulled pork dinner fundraiser. Even though the weather was bad at the Calhan Summer Fest, the dinner raised over \$1,000 for the Pantry.

EPCP has renewed the annual lease to provide office space for REACH Pike Peak. Carl Finney's office will be at the Pantry for another year.

The Pantry is in need of clothing for adults and children, jackets, a refrigerated van or small truck, a wall hung first aid kit, summer recipes for the website, and volunteers.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, August 18st, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 5:30 pm, at the Pantry. The September meeting has been changed from the regular meeting date because the regular monthly meeting falls on Labor Day.