

## Eastern Plains Community Pantry

### Board Meeting Summary

July 10, 2017

Fifteen board members and three guests were present. The June 5<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for the month of June. Expenses were higher because of equipment purchases and the "Summer Food for Families" program. Most of the additional expenses were covered by grant money.

The Pantry served 1,060 people in June and volunteers donated 581.5 hours. The 1,060 were served through the five food programs offered at the Pantry. There is no accurate way to record the number of people served by the Clothing and Small Household Items program. The number could be as high as 500 additional people; making the actual number served by the Pantry in the 1,500 range per month.

The first "Volunteer of the Month" was announced at the meeting; congratulations to Barbara McFerren. She is the Assistant Clothing and Small Household Items Coordinator. Barbara spends most of her volunteer time sorting and displaying the donations. She works hard at keeping the sorting room organized, has a smile for everyone and goes above and beyond in donating her volunteer time.

On occasion, some donated items are saved for clients with a known need. Unfortunately these saved items set in the Pantry for more than a month. From this time on, saved items are to be dated and picked-up within a week. If they are not, the item will be placed out in the Pantry for any client to take.

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

The EPCP Pulled Pork Dinner will be offered during the Calhan Summer Fest on July 14, 2017, starting at 5:00 p.m. The cost of a dinner is \$9.00. This is the Pantry's largest fundraiser and is accomplished by volunteers. If you would like to help, contact Cheryl Lopez. Thanks to Shorty and Cheryl for volunteering their roaster and time to organize the Dinner.

There is still a problem with the storeroom over heating in the summer time. The two evaporator coolers will be left on all night to see if the room will cool down. If this does not work, a portable air conditioner may be needed to cool the room.

The Pantry is in need of summer clothing for adults and children, 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, July 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is August 7, 2017, 6:00 pm, at the Pantry.