

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

June 5, 2017

Eleven board members and two guests were present. The May 1st minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for the month of May. Expenses were higher because of final payments made on the walk-in freezer. The additional expenses were covered by grant money.

The Pantry served 1,022 people in May and volunteers donated 581.5 hours.

Bulk purchases of emergency food have been arranged through Woolsey's Food Center. The Pantry is saving money by not paying mileage expenses to pick up emergency food. Loaf and Jug in Calhan and Wal-Mart in Falcon are donating safe usable food that is not marketable to the Pantry on a weekly basis.

Nine families (20 children) have signed up for the "Summer Food for Families" program. The Board was hoping for more and will look at additional ways to spread the word next year.

The Board reviewed security camera footage of individuals piling donations on the front porch of the Pantry. Donations are to be dropped off during operating hours. Individuals that are identified in the footage will be contacted and asked not to drop off donations after hours.

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

Thanks to grant money awarded from the Calvary United Methodist Church Outreach Funds, a new evaporator cooler has been purchased. The cooler will help in keeping the storeroom temperature below 70 degrees during the summer.

Another grant came from Big Ass Giving to help with the purchase of a glass door refrigerator. The Board approved an expenditure of \$1,725 to purchase the refrigerator with \$1,000 of the expenditure coming from the grant.

The Pantry is in need of sheets, pillow cases, blankets, summer clothing for adults and children, a refrigerated van or small truck, a first aid kit and volunteers.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, June 16th, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is July 3, 2017, 6:00 pm, at the Pantry.