

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

May 1, 2017

Ten board members and two guests were present. The April 3rd minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for the month of April. Expenses were about normal (monthly expenses are around \$2,000). Revenues were down but expenses were covered with reserve funds.

The Pantry served 960 people in April and volunteers donated 671 hours.

The Board discussed a possible issue of clients coming to the Pantry to pick up commodities after the closing date. At that point the client will receive an emergency food box instead of USDA commodities. The concern is that some clients might be doing this because they like the emergency food boxes better than commodities. Commodity boxes are funded by the USDA and emergency food is funded by the Pantry, thus causing additional expense to the Pantry. The Board concluded that the Pantry will provide food based on the client's request and will trust that the client is not taking advantage of the Emergency Food Program.

Registration for the "Summer Food for Families" program will end on May 19th. Fliers will be sent home with students from Calhan School and Frontier Charter Academy. Also, an article will be printed in the school website newsletter; "Chalk Talk".

The Pantry will have a float entry in the Loyalty Day Parade on May 6th. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Pantry at 9:30 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 approved the purchase of a pantry track phone to be used by the volunteer coordination instead of using a personal phone.

The new walk-in freezer is operational. Final adjustments and repairs have been which authorizes final payment. Two freezer shelving units have been installed and four more are in the works. Floor mats are needed for the freezer also.

The Pantry is in need of a large portable evaporator cooler, commercial food display refrigerator, sheets, pillow cases, blankets, men's clothing especially jeans, light jackets, a refrigerated van or small truck and volunteers.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, May 19th, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is June 5, 2017, 6:00 pm, at the Pantry.