

## **Eastern Plains Community Pantry**

### **Board Meeting Summary**

November 6, 2017

Fifteen board members and three guests were present. The October 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for the month of October. Expenses were greater do to the amount of emergency food purchased to provide for the 167 people with emergency needs.

The Pantry served 1,160 people in October and volunteers donated 672 hours. Board members Cheryl Lopez and Bob Selle attended the Care and Share Agency Relations Conference and Luncheon held in September. They pick up good information about the operation of Care and Share, writing grants, promotional tools, healthy meals, resources to help others and volunteer engagement. Most of all, Cheryl and Bob learned how thankful they are for being a part of Eastern Plains Community Pantry.

The "Volunteer of the Month" for October is Margret (Peggy) Summers. Peggy works at the Pantry almost every day and helps with all aspects of the Pantry; sorting clothing, cleaning, stocking food, helping people. She is willing to do whatever it takes to make the Pantry a place for serving others.

The Board discussed ways to honor the pantry volunteers. The Pantry plans on providing lunch for the volunteers during the week of December 18<sup>th</sup>. Each shift will start or end their shift with lunch, gifts, a thank you and a pat on the back for a job well done.

All of the summer clothing has been sorted, labeled and stored. Winter clothing has been put out for those in need. The miracle of cleaning and organizing the storage shed happened during the summer to winter clothing shift.

The Board approved a motion to purchase computer protection for the Pantry's electronic equipment. Information about the "Holiday Giving" program has been posted on the web site. Sign up for the program started on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The toy give away will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> along with the Lions Community Christmas Party.

REACH Pikes Peaks new operating hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. REACH would like to have a community get to gather and is considering November 18<sup>th</sup> for a Community Family Day. The plan is to have it on the lot between the Pantry and firehouse. The EPCP Board is concerned about this date because of the weather, short time line, hosting the "Mobile Food Pantry" the day before and the shortage of Pantry members to help.

EPCP will have a float in the "Calhan Community Christmas Parade of Lights". A four member committee was appointed to oversee the float preparation.

The Pantry is in need of winter clothing, blankets, bed linen, pots, pans, a refrigerated van or small truck, shelving for food and clothing, an exterior water faucet and recipes for the website.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, December 4, 2017, 6:00 pm, at the Pantry.