

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

December 4, 2017

Fifteen board members and one guest were present. The November 6th minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were about even with revenues for the month of November.

The Pantry served 1,172 people in November and volunteers donated 805 hours.

The "Volunteer of the Month" for November is Nancy Rowles. Nancy has taken charge of book and video donations. She keeps them organized. Generally you will find Nancy at the Pantry on any Thursday but she will volunteer additional time when needed. Nancy has a heart for helping others which makes her a perfect volunteer for the Pantry.

Speaking of volunteers, a recognition luncheon has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Pantry. The luncheon will be held in conjunction with the Pantry Christmas Party. Volunteers are asked to bring their favorite Christmas cookies for a cookie exchange.

The "Holiday Giving" program is in full swing. Forty nine family Thanksgiving dinner certificates were given and 71 families are signed up for Christmas dinner certificates. The "Toy Give Away" along with the "Teen Angel" gifts will be held on December 9th in conjunction with the Calhan Lions Club Community Christmas Party. Both events start at 1:00 p.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. at Swink Hall on the El Paso County Fairgrounds.

EPCP had a float in the "Calhan Community Christmas Parade of Lights". The Parade was an outstanding event for our community. The Pantry Board offers a sincere "Well Done" to the Calhan Youth Education and Recreation Foundation (the Teen Center) and Program Director Kevin Acre.

A fix up/clean up day at the Pantry has been scheduled for February 17, 2018. Mountain Springs Church members will be helping Pantry volunteers spruce up the place.

An EPCP Budget Sub Committee was appointed and a meeting set for preparing a proposed budget for the 2018 fiscal year. They will present the proposed budget to the Board at the January meeting.

The Board will elect 5 trustees, officers and appoint coordinators at the January meeting for 2018. Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Trustees, running for an officer position or coordinator's position, please contact Bob Selle (347 2873) to be placed on the ballot. Nominations can be made from the floor at the meeting (1/8/18).

The Pantry is in need of a van or small covered truck to haul donated food, winter clothing, blankets, bed linen, pots, pans, baby clothes (new born to 22 months) and winter recipes for the website.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, December 15th, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, January 8, 2018, 6:00 pm, at the Pantry. The meeting date was moved from the regular time which would be New Year's Day.