

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

January 8, 2018

Thirteen board members and four guests were present. The December 4th minutes were approved.

Pantry revenues were greater than expenses for the month of December. Revenues were up because of some generous donations from individuals and "Holiday Giving" donations.

The Pantry served 1,125 people in December and volunteers donated 761 hours.

A "Super Bowl Sunday" food drive through the local churches is in the works. Food donations are to be brought to church on Super Bowl Sunday.

The "Volunteer of the Month" for November is Kay Todd. Kay volunteers regularly on Thursdays and you will generally see her at the sign-up table for the Mobil Food Pantry. In addition, Kay volunteers to cover for other volunteers when they are unable to make their shift. Kay cares about people and always tries to help clients with their needs.

The company that is managing our website domain sold the domain to another company. EPCP was not notified of the sale and the former company doesn't seem to know who bought the account. The plan is to register our domain with Springshosting.

The "Holiday Giving" program was a great success this year; thanks to the hard work of Cheryl Lopez, Tasha Ryan, Carl Finney and many other volunteers. Seventy three families received Christmas dinner certificates, 97 kids received Christmas presents with another 87 kids receiving gifts after the giveaway day, and 34 "Teen Angel" Christmas packages were given. The proposed date for the "Holiday Giving" program next year is Saturday, December 15, 2018.

The Pantry is working on a promotional video to be completed sometime this spring.

A fix up/clean up day at the Pantry has been scheduled for February 17, 2018. This date may not work well for a clean-up day as it is the day after the "Mobile Food Pantry" and the delivery of commodities.

The Board adopted the budget for the 2018 fiscal year. The adopted budget is a deficit budget that will reduce Pantry reserves by 25%.

The Board elected 5 trustees to 3 year terms. They are; Janie Antons, Joan Lawson, Matt Lee, Barbara McFerren and Tasha Ryan. The officers for 2018 are; Bob Selle, President, Ed Bridges, Vice President, Reva Lopez, Secretary and Joan Lawson, Treasurer. The coordinators are; Cheryl Lopez, Pantry, Reva Lopez, Volunteers, Tasha Ryan, Clothing and Household Items and Carolyn Gardner, Public Relations.

The Board approved a motion to establish a "Holiday Giving" account at Farmers State Bank. This account will allow the Treasurer to keep "Holiday Giving" funds separate from Pantry funds.

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, January 19th, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, February 5, 2018, 6:00 pm, at the Pantry.