

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

February 5, 2018

Fourteen board members and one guest were present. The January 8th minutes were approved.

Pantry revenues were greater than expenses for the month of January. Revenues were up because of donations from the Calhan United Methodist Women, Renaissance Giving and individuals. Wal-Mart donated over 5,000 pounds of food and clothing to the Pantry in January and Loaf n' Jug donated 746 pounds of food.

The Pantry served 1,202 people in January and volunteers donated 720 hours.

The "Volunteer of the Month" for January is Deb Drew. Deb volunteers regularly on Tuesdays. She picks up lettuce and other donations from Mountain Springs Church, and she is very good in handling Pantry paperwork. Deb has a heart for caring for her fellow man.

A volunteer training day will be scheduled in the near future.

Matt Lee and his son Austin continue to gather information and video footage for the pantry promotional. Previews of the video will be presented at the next board meeting.

A new fix up/clean up day has been scheduled at the Pantry. This Saturday, February 10, 2018, 8:00 a.m. is the new date and time. Projects planned for the day are new shelving in the sorting and storage rooms, an outside water faucet, painting the storeroom floor and cleaning the hard to clean areas.

March is donor recognition month for the Pantry. Donors will be sent a thank-you letter and certificate along with a travel discount card. March will mark 6 years that the Pantry has been operating. None of those years of operation would be possible without donors.

The following Assistant Coordinators were appointed; Pantry – Ed Bridges, Volunteers – Matt Lee, Clothing and Small Household Items – Peggy Somers, and Public Relations – Sharon Agun.

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 and winter recipes for the website.

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

The Pantry was notified by REACH Pikes Peak that the Calhan Office hours have been reduced to one day per week. The REACH office will be open on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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