

## Eastern Plains Community Pantry

### Board Meeting Summary

March 5, 2018

Fourteen board members and two guests were present. The February 5<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for the month of February. Expenses were about normal but donations were down a little. The small difference was covered with reserve money.

The Pantry served 931 people in February and volunteers donated 824.5 hours.

There are two food drives in progress at this time; the Boy Scouts are collecting food door to door in Calhan on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and St. Michael Catholic Church is doing a Lenten food drive.

Some of the food shelving has become rickety and/or does not meet standards for storing food. The Board passed a motion to spend \$300 for replacement shelving on the north wall of the Pantry.

The "Volunteer of the Month" for February is Tucker Muilenburg. Tucker is one of the Pantry's youngest volunteers. Every hour he spends in the Pantry he is working; stocking shelves, cleaning, preparing client food boxes, carrying donations in or food out of the Pantry. He never stops. Tucker enjoys volunteering and works hard as a volunteer. Congratulations and thank you Tucker!

Volunteer training has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 1:00 p.m. at the Pantry. All current volunteers and any potential volunteers should attend this training.

Matt Lee showed a preview of the promotional video at the meeting. Matt and his son Austin are planning to do some interviews at the volunteer training on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Pantry Board offers a big **thank you** to the eight members of the Mountain Springs Church, 10 Board members and two volunteers that made improvements to the Pantry on February the 10<sup>th</sup>. Projects completed included new shelving in the sorting room and the storeroom, reconfiguring the can storage dispensers and some early spring cleaning.

Donor recognition certificates and travel discount cards were sent to the 2017 donors. Thank you to the Pantry donors for keeping the doors open. If any donor was overlooked please let someone at the Pantry know. We can't afford to forget one of our appreciated donors.

The Board of Directors decided to discontinue the "Summer Food for Families" because of the small number of participants over the past two summers. If a family is in need of food, they can stop by the Pantry at anytime to receive help.

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, March 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, April 2, 2018, 6:00 pm, at the Pantry.