

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

May 7, 2018

Fourteen board members and two guests were present. The April 2nd minutes were approved.

The Board of Directors had to fill 3 vacancies. Sharon Agun was appointed to fill a Director position for the rest of the year. Janie Antons was elected Secretary of the Board and Richard Mackay was appointed Volunteer Coordinator for the rest of 2108.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for the month of April. Expenses were higher because the annual maintenance contract on the copy machine was paid. Monthly operating expenses run around \$1,800 and Pantry revenues for April were a little over \$500. The difference was covered with reserve money.

The Pantry served 1,039 people in April and volunteers donated 666.5 hours.

Additional volunteers are needed for Thursdays and Fridays, and to help with signing up participants for the Lions' KidSpree program. KidSpree provides new school cloths for kids that can't afford them. The KidSpree shopping day is Saturday, August 4th at the Falcon Wal-Mart.

The Pantry promotional videos are in the editing stage and should be ready to present at the next Pantry meeting. Matt Lee is working on a short version to be entered into a community service contest sponsored by the United Methodist Church Rocky Mountain Conference.

The Pantry had a float in the Loyalty Day Parade on Saturday, May 5, 2018. Thanks to Shorty Lopez for the use of his truck - it was very colorful. The weather was great, all the candy was given away and there were about the same number of people in the parade as people watching the parade.

Members of the Eastern Plains Community Pantry (EPCP) Board and representatives from REACH Pikes Peak met last month to discuss issues related to service provided by REACH. Concerns were expressed about the reduction of Calhan office hours, reduction of services to clients, reductions in staff and the working relationship between REACH and EPCP. REACH was having financial problems last fall but they believe they are turning the corner toward better funding. REACH would like to spread the word about services they offer in the Eastern El Paso County. Improving communications between REACH and EPCP were discussed. Some suggestions were; schedule more EPCP/REACH meetings, fix the phones so that calls to the Calhan REACH Office are forwarded, and ways to broadcasting REACH services in the area (newspaper, COC Health and Ed. Fair, etc.).

EPCP will have a booth in the Calhan Summer Fest (7/13/18). This year, Summer Fest will be held at City Park. EPCP will offer a pulled pork dinner as a fundraiser for the Pantry – so plan on some good eaten.

The Pantry is in need of a portable air conditioner for the storeroom, a van or small covered truck to haul donated food, summer clothing, blankets, bed linen, pots & pans, baby clothes, summer recipes for the website and volunteers.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, May 18th, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, June 4, 2018, 6:00 pm, at the Pantry.