

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

June 4, 2018

Ten board members and two guests were present. The May 7th minutes were approved.

Pantry revenues were greater than expenses for the month of May. Revenues were a little bit higher thanks to donations from St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Calhan Lions Club and several individuals. A couple of food drives also helped: thanks to the U. S. Postal service and the Knights of Columbus.

The Pantry served 1,077 people in May and volunteers donated 733 hours. There are 25 volunteers that regularly donate their time.

The "Volunteer of the Month" for the month of May is Tasha Ryan. Tasha is a member of the EPCP Board of Trustees and the Clothing and Small Household Items Coordinator. She generally serves two volunteers shifts each week. Tasha, with the help of volunteers keeps track of all the donated items received by the Pantry. While working at the Pantry she always has time to greet people with a smile.

The Public Relations Coordinators are working on appointing three board members to have administrative access to the Pantry's website and Facebook page.

The Pantry promotional videos are in the editing stage and should be ready soon.

The Pantry will have a table at the Community Outreach Center (COC) Health and Education Fair to be held on October 6, 2018, at the El Paso County Fairgrounds.

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. The price will be \$9.00 for the full dinner (pulled pork sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, dessert and a drink).

A Mountain View Electric Round Up grant has been approved for the Pantry. The money will be used to buy emergency food. The donations for emergency food have been great from Wal-Mart, Loaf and Jug, Mountain Springs Church and the Manna Pantry but funding is needed to fill in the gaps when providing emergency boxes. A variety of foods are needed and not all donations come in well rounded nutritious portions.

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, men's shirts and jeans, summer recipes for the website and volunteers.

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

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