

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

August 6, 2018

Twelve board members and two guests were present. The July 7th minutes were approved.

Pantry revenues were greater than expenses for the month of July. The Pantry received a Mountain View Electric Round Up Grant and some individual donations, and held pulled pork dinner fundraiser at Calhan Summer Fest. These funding sources produced more revenue than expenses. Revenues for the Pantry had been down since February, so this was good news for the board members.

The Pantry served 1,142 people in July and volunteers donated 889.75 hours. Pantry Coordinator Cheryl Lopez is working with Care and Share of Southern Colorado on a 2019 summer food for families program.

Volunteer Peggy Somers has moved out of state. A new Clothing and Small Household Items Assistant Coordinator needs to be appointed. Peggy will be greatly missed at the Pantry.

The Pantry promotional video was presented at the meeting. It is 6.5 minutes long and well done – thanks to Matt Lee and his son.

REACH Pikes Peak will no longer be using the office at the Pantry. The office will be used by the Pantry Coordinator and other pantry volunteers.

The Family Dollar Store is hosting a community outreach event on Saturday August the 11th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Tasha Ryan will offer information about the Pantry at this event.

The Care and Share Agency Relation Conference/Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, September the 14th. Five or six EPCP Board members will attend the Conference.

The Pantry will have a table at the Community Outreach Center (COC) Health and Education Fair to be held on October 6, 2018, on the El Paso County Fairgrounds. The Regional Health Connector will share the EPCP table and provide nutritional information and healthy recipes.

A volunteer recognition dinner is scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2018, at 6:00 pm.

The storeroom floor at the Pantry will be painted during the weekend of August 10th through the 12th.

The Board discussed the issue of disposing cardboard since Care and Share no longer recycles cardboard. Members of the Board will be checking out some of the possibilities discussed.

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 shorts and jeans, summer recipes for the website and volunteers.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, August 17th, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, September 10, 2018, 6:00 pm, at the Pantry. The regular board meeting would be Sept. 3rd, Labor Day. So, the Board moved the meeting a week later. An updated picture of the Board of Directors has been scheduled for the October board meeting