

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

October 1, 2018

Thirteen board members and three guests were present. The September 10th minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for the month of September. Expenses were about \$280 more than revenues. Donations from St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Calvary United Methodist Church (Co. Sp.) and individuals almost covered our bills. Reserve funds were used to make up the difference.

The Pantry served 1,083 people in September and volunteers donated 680.75 hours.

Costco is now donating emergency food to the Pantry along with Walmart, Loaf and Jug, Mt. Springs Church, Ahavah Farms and Manna Pantry.

The volunteer recognition dinner is scheduled for Friday, October 12th, 6:00 pm at Calhan United Methodist Church. Volunteers, please let Richard MacKay or Cheryl Lopez know if you plan to attend.

Joyce Callahan was appointed Assistant Clothing and Small Household Items Coordinator.

EPCP and the Calhan Vet Clinic are partnering on a grant with Pet Smart. The grant will provide free spayed and neutering operations. EPCP will manage the grant funds and the Clinic will hold a food drive.

The Pantry will have a table at the Community Outreach Center (COC) Health and Education Fair 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.

EPCP will pursue a Colorado Springs Health Foundation grant for operating funds and equipment needs.

The Calhan Christmas Parade of Lights will be on Saturday, December 15, 2018. The Pantry would like to have a float for the parade – details will be worked out at the next meeting.

The Pantry is in need of a portable air conditioner for the storeroom, a van or small covered truck to haul donated food, bookshelves, winter clothing, blankets, bed linen, pots & pans, men's jeans, fall recipes for the website, volunteers and monetary donations for the "Holiday Giving" program.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, October 19th, starting at 9:00 a.m. The 9:00 am start time is a change from the 10:00 am start time.

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