

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

November 5, 2018

Thirteen board members and two guests were present. The October 1st minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for the month of October. Reserve funds were used to make up the difference. Food donations from businesses and monetary donations from individuals have helped in keeping the deficit spending down.

The Pantry served 1,221 people in October and volunteers donated 882 hours. The Pantry currently has 43 volunteers sign-up. As a point of interest, 7,271.5 volunteer hours have been donated to the Pantry so far this year.

Several families have signed-up for meals and toys through the "Holiday Giving" program. Safeway in Falcon has partner with the Pantry to help provide meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Donations are still needed for toys and additional food. The sign-up period is closing soon. Check with the Pantry for the exact sign-up deadlines (347 3062).

The Clothing and Small Household Items Coordinator is checking with ARC Thrift Stores about sending surplus clothing and household items to them. ARC pays a small amount for donated items.

The Pantry participated in the Community Outreach Center (COC) Health and Education Fair. Attendance was great and Eastern Plains Community Pantry received the "People's Choice" award – way to go EPCP.

EPCP will not have a float in the Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 15th since that is the same day as the Lions Community Christmas Party and the Holiday Giving toy distribution. Pantry volunteers have a full day already and will not have the time or energy to build a float.

The Pantry is in need of a portable air conditioner for the storeroom, a van or small covered truck to haul donated food (currently \$575 raised), a remote monitoring system for the walk-in freezer, coats, winter clothing, blankets, bed linen, pots & pans, men's jeans, and fall recipes for the website.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, November 16th, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Future agenda items include candidates for the election of board members, officers and coordinators, convening the 2019 budget committee, and a discussion concerning Pantry operating hours.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, December 3, 2018, 6:00 pm, at the Pantry.