

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

December 3, 2018

All fifteen board members were present with one guest. The November 5th minutes were approved. The Board expressed their appreciation to Matt and Austin Lee (Altitude Drone Service) for preparing the promotional video of the Pantry. A big THANK-YOU goes out to these guys!

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for the month of November. Reserve funds were used to make up the difference.

The Pantry served 1,620 people in November which included Thanksgiving meals. Volunteers donated 749 hours. One hundred thirty families have signed up for Christmas meals.

The "Holiday Giving" toy give away is scheduled for Saturday, December 15th, at Swink Hall on the Fairgrounds. Scheduled appointments start at 1:00 p.m.

The Board discussed opening the Pantry one Saturday morning per month. That Saturday would probably be after the Mobile Food Pantry. The Board will act on this issue at the next meeting.

The Budget Sub Committee will meet on Dec. 19th to work on the proposed pantry budget for 2019.

Nominations are open for 5 director seats, officers and coordinators for 2019. Any interested individuals should contact EPCP Chair Bob Selle (347 2873) to be placed on the ballot. The Board will vote on the candidates at the January meeting.

The Board approved the purchase of a monitoring service for the walk-in freezer at a cost of \$24 per year. The service is provided by the freezer manufacturer – Kolpak.

Director Barbara McFerren presented a monthly message board for volunteers. The Board is located just outside the sorting room.

The Pantry is in need of a portable air conditioner for the storeroom, a large van or 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 winter recipes for the website.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, December 21st, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Future agenda items include election of board directors, officers and coordinators, the 2019 budget, additional Pantry operating hours and assisting with the purchase of a community message board.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, January 7, 2019, 6:00 pm, at the Pantry.