Eastern Plains Community Pantry Board Meeting Summary

August 5, 2019

Fourteen board members and three guests were present. The July 1st minutes were approved.

Pantry revenues were greater than expenses for the month of July. Revenues were greater because of the Calhan Summer Fest Pig Roast Fundraiser and a grant from the Used Car Dealers of Colorado Charity Fund. Expenses included the purchase of a portable air conditioning unit for the storeroom.

The Pantry provided food to 1,407 people in July. Twenty seven volunteers donated 993.5 hours.

The Volunteer Recognition Barbeque is scheduled for Saturday, August 10th, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Pantry. The BBQ will be outside on the Calhan Fire Protection District lot; weather permitting. Setup for the BBQ is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. If attendees have outdoor chairs, please bring them. Door prizes will be given out during the afternoon.

The Pantry will have a booth at the COC Health and Education Fair, Saturday, September 14, 2019, on the El Paso County Fair Grounds – Whitmore Hall.

Board members and volunteers need to get their shirt size to Tasha Ryan for their pantry logo "T" shirt. EPCP "T" shirts will be available to community members for a cost of \$5.00 at the Pantry.

The EPCP was approved for a \$5,000 Mountain View Electric Association Operation Round Up Grant. The check will be awarded on Sept. 10th at the Falcon MVEA office.

The Board had a lengthy discussion concern items dropped off at the Pantry during non operating hours. Donations are to be made during operation hours only. While the discussion was in progress, someone dropped of a bag of stuff at the front door. Several board members rushed out the door to inform the individual that donations are not to be dropped off when the Pantry was not open.

Donations are to be brought into the building and given to a volunteer. Donations are not to be left on the front porch or loading dock behind the building. The Pantry does not accept furniture, mattresses, children's car seats, TVs and other electronic devices. There is a Calhan Town ordinance against dumping items at public or private buildings.

The Pantry is in need of blankets, linens, pots & pans, dishes, small appliances, men's jeans, shirts & "T" shirts, recipes for the website, and monetary donations.

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

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, September 9, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Pantry. The meeting was moved to the second Monday in September since the first Monday is Labor Day.