

## **Eastern Plains Community Pantry**

### **Board Meeting Summary**

September 9, 2019

Fourteen board members and one guest were present. The August 5<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for the month of August. Expenses were greater because of emergency food costs (over \$2,000), an increase in electricity (new A/C unit in Storeroom) and an increase in the propane bill.

The Pantry provided food to 1,228 people in August. Thirty volunteers donated 868.75 hours.

The Board of Directors voted to extend Saturday openings (9:00 am – 12:00 noon) through March 31, 2020.

Donation drop-offs during non-operating hours have slowed down. The decrease is credited mostly to getting the word out that no donations are to be made when the Pantry is closed. A larger sign is being prepared to warn people that drop-offs during non-operating hours is against Calhan City ordinance and Pantry rules. Violators will be prosecuted.

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.

EPCP “T” shirts are available to community members for a cost of \$5.00 at the Pantry.

The Board of Directors voted to have a table at the Community Trick or Treat Party on Halloween night (Swink Hall on the fairgrounds. 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm).

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, September 20, starting at 9:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, October 7, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Pantry.