

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

October 7, 2019

Thirteen board members and seven guests were present. The September 9th minutes were approved.

Representatives from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints thanked the Board for the community services provided at the Pantry, presented donations to the Pantry and the "Holliday Giving" program and offered self-reliance classes, college courses and volunteer opportunities.

A representative from Trent's Team Transitional Services working with Pikes Peak BOCES asked the Board if some of their students could volunteer 4 or 5 hours a week at the Pantry. The Board voted to approve the request.

A lengthy and serious discussion concerning the handling volunteer actions that are not acceptable behaviors at the Pantry followed. How to handle these kinds of issues was the focal point of the discussion. It was determined that a procedure needs to be established for handling such problems. Since there are no administrative positions in the Pantry, governance and management are both addressed by the Board and the officers. A committee was appointed by the Board to develop policy for handling volunteer situations that violate pantry policy, behavior standards and criminal actions.

Pantry revenues were greater than expenses for the month of September. Revenues were greater because of donations from St Mary's Orthodox Church and Calvary United Methodist Church, a grant from Mountain View Electric Operation Round Up and lower expenses for the month.

The Pantry provided food to 1,384 client contacts in September. Twenty-eight volunteers donated 732 hours.

The Pantry will 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).

A fire inspection of the Pantry was held on 9/27/19. The address numbers of the Pantry need to be visible on the front of the building, boxes need to be removed from around the boiler, donation bags need to be removed from heat registers, and the fire extinguishers need to be checked next month. The corrections have been made or are in the works.

"Holliday Giving" donations are needed and letters have been sent out to previous donors. Please contact the Pantry (347 3062) if you would like to donate to the program. Sign up for Thanksgiving meals will start on 10/14/19.

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, October 18th, starting at 9:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, November 4, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Pantry.