

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

November 4, 2019

Thirteen board members and three guests were present. The October 7th minutes were approved.

Because of a resignation, the Board had three vacancies to fill. The Board appointed Manny Espanoza as the Volunteer Coordinator, Peggy Sommers as a Director and Manny Espanoza as an Alternate Director.

Pantry revenues were greater than expenses for the month of October. Revenues were greater because of donations from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, St Paul Lutheran Church, Glaser Gas, Plains Heating and Air Conditioning, the four United Methodist Churches in Eastern El Paso County and several individual donors.

The Pantry provided food to 1,440 client contacts in October. Twenty-nine volunteers donated 730 hours.

“Holliday Giving” donations are needed. Please contact the Pantry (347 3062) or stop by during operating hours if you would like to donate to the program. Sign-ups are in progress and families can sign-up at the Pantry. The final sign-up date for Christmas dinners, the toy giveaway and teen angles is December 6th. The toy giveaway will on Saturday, December 14th, starting at noon in Swink Hall on the fairgrounds.

The Board approved a “Volunteer Leave of Absence” policy. Under the policy volunteers can take or be placed on a long-term leave of absence for a variety of reasons.

By board consensus, three board members volunteered to be contacts for the Calhan Ministerial Alliance during non-operating hours. If the Alliance receives a food request when the Pantry is not open, they will contact one of the designated volunteers and the volunteer will open the Pantry to serve those in need.

The Community Halloween Trick or Treat was a great success with over 500 Halloween characters attending. Thanks to the Calhan Lions Club and the Calhan Fire Protection District for sponsoring the event.

The Pantry is in need of blankets, coats, 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, November 15th, starting at 9:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, December 2, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Pantry.