Eastern Plains Community Pantry Board Meeting Summary

December 2, 2019

Fourteen board members and one guest were present. The November 4th minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for the month of November. While expenses were about normal (average expenses are around \$2,500 per month), revenues were down (\$800 received in November).

The Pantry provided food to 1,378 client contacts plus Thanksgiving dinners to 113 families in November for a total of about 1,700 individuals. Thirty-seven volunteers donated 867.5 hours.

The Falcon Wal Mart donated 1,968 pounds of clothing to the Pantry last month – thank you Wal Mart. The Falcon Safeway has provided a basic turkey dinner for each "Holiday Giving" family – thank you Safeway.

"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. The final sign-up date for Christmas dinners, the toy giveaway and Teen Angles is December 6th. Currently, 109 families are signed up for Christmas dinners, 111 kids for toys (3 toys for each child) and 40 Teen Angels. The toy giveaway will on Saturday, December 14th, staring at noon in Swink Hall on the fairgrounds.

The Board appointed Joan Lawson, Cheryl Lopez, Sharon Agun, Ed Bridges and Bob Selle to prepare a draft 2020 budget for the January board meeting.

Board elections will be held on January 6. 2020. Director seats up for election include 5 three-year terms, 1 one-year term and 1 two-year term. All officer positions and coordinator positions are up for election. Anyone interested in serving on the Board, as an officer or coordinator, please contact Bob Selle (347 2873) to have your name included on the ballot.

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. A glass door display freezer was added to the "Wish List".

The Calhan Fire Protection District will increase the building rent by \$50 per month starting March 1, 2020. This is the first rent increase in 7 years of occupancy of the building by the Pantry. EPCP is thankful for the use of the building. It has turned out to be a great facility for a community pantry.

Eastern Plains Community Pantry is registered in the King Soopers Community Rewards program. If you have a King Soopers' card, go to the customers service counter and register your card for the Pantry to receive Community Rewards.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, December 20th, starting at 9:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, January 6, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Pantry.