Eastern Plains Community Pantry Board Meeting Summary

January 6, 2020

Fifteen board members and two guests were present. The December 2nd minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for the month of December by about \$250.

The Pantry provided food to 1,220 client contacts plus Christmas dinners to 127 families in December. Sixty-nine volunteers donated 1,309.5 hours in December. The total volunteer hours donated for 2019 came to 10,286.

There continues to be an issue with individuals leaving donations on the door step of the Pantry during non-operating hours. Donations are to be dropped off during operating hours only. Some items that are dumped are not acceptable for further use and the acceptable items should not be left out in the weather.

Through the "Holliday Giving" program. toys were provided for 182 kids and 40 "Teen Angels". Thanks to all who volunteered their time and donated money to make a merry Christmas for these kids and teens.

The Board elected Ed Bridges, Deb Drew, Carolyn Gardner, Nancy Lutz and Manny Espinoza to three - year terms on the Board of Directors, Sharon Agun to a one - year term and, Peggy Somers and Shorty Lopez to two - year terms. The officers elected for 2020 are President – Bob Selle, Vice President – Ed Bridges, Secretary – Carolyn Gardner, and Treasurer – Joan Lawson. The 2020 coordinators are, Pantry Coordinator – Cheryl Lopez, Volunteer Coordinator – Manny Espinoza, Clothing and Small Household Items Coordinator – Barbara McFerren and Public Relations Coordinator – Carolyn Gardner.

The Board approved \$49,600 budget for 2020. Increases were made in the following line items; insurance, building rent, vehicle expenses, equipment (glass-door freezer), propane and phone/internet.

The Pantry is in need of blankets, bed linens, pots & pans, dishes, small appliances, men's jeans, shirts & "T" shirts, recipes for the website, monetary donations, a glass-door display freezer and King Sooper customers to register their community rewards for Eastern Plains Community Pantry.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, January 17th, starting at 9:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, February 3, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Pantry.