

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

May 4, 2020

Twelve board members and two guests were present. Two board members attended the meeting by phone. The March 2nd minutes were approved.

Pantry revenues were greater than expenses for both March and April. Revenues were greater than expenses thanks to Renaissance Charities, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Saponas Foundation and increased giving by several individuals. In addition, the Pantry received two grants; one from the Colorado Springs Health Foundation and one from the Pikes Peak Community Foundation Emergency Relief Fund.

The Pantry provided food to 1,814 client contacts in March and 1,288 client contacts in April.

Volunteers donated 742.5 hours in March and 571 hours in April. Volunteer hours are down because Pantry operation hours were reduced by 10 hours per week and some volunteers have quarantined themselves at home. The current pantry hours are; Monday - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and Saturday – 9:00 am to noon.

The Pantry is overstocked with clothing and small household items and is not accepting these donations at this time. When the surplus is distributed, the items on the wish list and other donations will be accepted again.

The Pantry purchased a glass door freezer to display donated surplus frozen foods to our clients.

The Board voted to keep the Pantry open on Saturdays indefinitely.

Other concerns and information items included the passing of former pantry volunteer - Gary Stauffer, the recovery from surgery of Board Vice President Ed Bridges, milk donations from the Dairy Coop and the EPCP Pig Roast at Calhan Summerfest.

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, 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, May 15th, starting at 9:00 a.m. Drive-up deliveries will be made at the east door of the Pantry. Drive-up deliveries will also be used for the first day of commodities (the first Monday of the month).

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, June 1, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Pantry.