

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

June 1, 2020

Thirteen board members and two guests were present. Two board members attended the meeting by phone. The May 4th minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for May. Expenses were up because of the need for more emergency food. Thanks to Tanner Cattle Company, the Calhan Lions Club and several individuals for offsetting some of the higher expenses for food.

The Pantry provided food to 1,426 client contacts in May. The Board approved a motion to provide only drive-up deliveries to clients on Mobile Food Pantry Day (3rd Friday of each month) and on the first day of commodities (1st Monday of each month). The Pantry lobby will not be open on these two days.

Volunteers donated 549.75 hours in May. Year to date, volunteers have donated 3,396.75 hours. There is a need for additional volunteers.

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.

Since the Calhan Summer Fest has been cancelled the EPCP Pig Roast Fundraiser is also cancelled. The Board is considering doing a pig roast fundraiser later this summer or this fall. The COC Health and Education Fair (10/3/20) has been cancelled. EPCP may hold a pig roast in conjunction with the Calhan High School Homecoming Game – if there is a game.

The EPCP Board is considering holding their monthly board meetings at a different location. Holding the meetings at the Pantry on the first day of monthly commodities is a hardship on volunteers. They have to rearranging the Pantry for the meetings, then put it back together for commodities the next day. The meeting area in the Pantry is too small for the number of attendees at most meetings and proper social distancing cannot be provided when needed.

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, June 19th, starting at 9:00 a.m. Only drive-up deliveries will be made at the east door of the Pantry.

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