

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

August 3, 2020

Ten board members and three guests were present. The July 6, 2020, minutes were approved.

Superintendent of Calhan Schools Dave Slothower presented a plaque of appreciation to EPCP for assisting in providing food to school district families during the COVID-19 school closure last spring. During that time period, the Pantry provided food to about 800 additional children and adults.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for July. Expenses above revenues were paid with reserve funds. In addition to regular monthly expenses, the van will need new rear brakes and possibly a new windshield. Also, the Board approved replacing the copier with high production printer at a cost of \$250.

The Pantry provided food to 1,353 client contacts in July. The Pantry did receive a donation of 600 pounds of food from United Way.

Twenty volunteers donated 580.5 hours in July. The total volunteer hours through July of 2020 is 4,593.5 hours.

Donations of clothing and small household items have resumed during pantry operation hours. No donations are to be left at the pantry during non-operating hours and no truck load donations.

There were 174 visits to the EPCP website in July (www.easternplainscommunitypantry.org) and 467 followers on Facebook.

The EPCP Board approved a motion to continue meeting at Calhan United Methodist Church through December 2020. Meetings are generally the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm.

After discussion, it was decided that a volunteer/donor barbeque would not be the best form of recognition because of the COVID-19 virus. A four member "Volunteer/Donor Recognition Sub Committee" was formed. The Sub Committee will present a plan of recognition at the September meeting.

The Board was informed of a program called "The Men's Xchange". Men looking for jobs are equipped and prepared by the Xchange for job interviews. The Board thought the program was a great service but thought Eastern Plains Career Accelerator would make a better Calhan partner than EPCP.

The Calhan Lions Club KidSpree (school clothing) is scheduled for August 8th in the Calhan Fire Protection District garages. The Pantry will be hosting a "Fresh Start" food give-a-way on that same date at the Pantry. Both events start at 9:00 pm.

The Pantry is in need of blankets, bed linens, pots & pans, dishes, small appliances, small girl's clothing, men's jeans, shirts & "T" shirts, recipes for the website, monetary donations, and King Sooper customers to register their Community Rewards for EPCP.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, August 21st, starting at 9:00 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting was moved to Thursday, September 10, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at Calhan United Methodist Church because the regular meeting falls on Labor Day.