

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

December 7, 2020

Nine board members and two guests were present. The November 2, 2020, minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for November. Expenses were about normal but revenues for November were down. December revenues are looking much better.

The Pantry provided food to 1,533 client contacts in November. The total count for the month includes 60 Thanksgiving family meals. Twenty-two volunteers donated 645.5 hours last month.

The EPCP website had 609 visitors in November and 525 likes on Facebook. An excellent article about the Pantry was published in the "Colorado Springs Health Foundation Newsletter".

The "Holiday Giving" toy giveaway for children is scheduled for Dec. 14, 15, and 16, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day at the Pantry. Pick up times have been scheduled with each family. The "Angel" gifts for teenagers are scheduled for the same time. Christmas dinners will be distributed on December 21, 22 and 23, at the Pantry.

A budget sub committee was appointed to prepare the budget for 2021. The sub committee members will meet at Farmers State Bank on Dec. 15th to develop a proposed 2021 budget.

Nominations are now open for 5 3-year director seats, officers and coordinators for 2021. Individuals interested in being a director, officer or coordinator candidate please contact EPCP Board President Bob Selle (347 2873) to be placed on the ballot. The election will be held at the January 4, 2021, board meeting.

Other items before the Board were; the activation of remote access to the walk-in freezer monitoring website, the El Paso Co. Dept. of Human Services provides help for people to sign-up for LEAP (utility bill assistance), clarification about some volunteer situations, and approving a subscription to the Ranchland News.

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, December 18th, starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Pantry will be closed Dec. 24-26, and Dec. 31- Jan 2 for Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, January 4, 2021, 6:00 p.m., at Calhan United Methodist Church.