

Eastern Plains Community Pantry Board Meeting Summary

April 5, 2021

Fourteen board members and one guest were present. The March 1, 2021, minutes were approved.

Pantry revenues were greater than expenses for March. The Pantry received two large grants; one from the Renaissance Charitable Foundation and one from the Colorado Springs Health Foundation. In addition, over \$1,000 was donated by individuals and a donation was received from St. Mary's Dormition Orthodox Church. A large food donation was received from Catholic Charities. The Board thanks our greatly appreciated donors.

The Pantry provided food to 1,146 client contacts in March. The State of Colorado approved EPCP to distribute U. S. Commodities for the next three years.

Nineteen volunteers donated 730 hours last month. The total hours donated may not be completely accurate as some volunteers did not report their volunteer time. The Volunteer Coordinator encourages all volunteers to record their hours on the time sheets in the volunteer binder.

EPCP's webpage had 674 visits in March.

The Board discussed the feasibility of replacing the evaporator cooler in the pantry building with an air conditioning unit. This discussion included the need for an air purification system.

A \$550 Broadmoor gift card was donated to EPCP. A silent auction will be opened during the month of April for bidding on the EPCP website.

EPCP is planning on a pulled pork dinner fundraiser at the Calhan Summerfest on July the 9th.

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, April 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, May 3, 2021, 6:00 p.m., at Calhan United Methodist Church.