

**Eastern Plains Community Pantry**  
**Board Meeting Summary**

August 2, 2021

Fourteen board members and one guest were present. The July 5, 2021, minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for July. Expenses were higher in July because in addition to regular expenses, purchases were made for two window air conditioners, supplies for the pig roast fundraiser and vehicle insurance.

The Pantry provided food to 919 client contacts in July. The Pantry received 56 FEMA senior boxes that were distributed in 4 days.

Twenty-two volunteers donated 821 hours last month.

The Pantry has a good supply of winter clothing at this time but still needs donations listed in the pantry needs.

Additional pantry pamphlets are needed as the current supply was passed out at the El Paso County Fair.

The donated washer and dryer should arrive in the next 2 weeks.

The 2 window air conditioning units purchased are keeping the Pantry cool.

The Pulled Pork Dinner Fundraiser held in conjunction with Calhan Summerfest on July the 9<sup>th</sup> raised \$1,714.11 after expenses for the Pantry. Thank you to the Lopez family for donating their time and equipment and, thank you to all the volunteers and donors that contributed time and supplies to the Fundraiser.

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.

Other items of discussion included; The rising price of zip lock bags and gasoline for the van. Suggestions were discussed to reduce costs including ways of reducing van trips and other options for purchasing supplies. These options will be explored.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting was changed from Labor Day to Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m., at Calhan United Methodist Church.