

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

September 9, 2021

Eleven board members and one guest were present. The August 2, 2021, minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for August. Expenses were higher because payment was made for two window air conditioners and donations were down. The Pantry Board approved increased credit card limits on two of the Pantry's cards.

The Pantry provided food to 1,043 client contacts in August. Through Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado, the Pantry provides about 60 "Senior Boxers" a month to our senior clients. The bookkeeping system for tracking these boxes is confusing and time consuming. A meeting has been scheduled with representatives from Care and Share and the Pantry on October 1<sup>st</sup> to address the issue.

Twenty-five volunteers donated 730.75 hours last month. Year-to-date, volunteers have donated 5,375 hours. Volunteer training has been provided on an individual basis. Since this practice has been working well, no large group training will be scheduled.

The donation of a washer and dryer is still in the works.

The boiler inspection provided by the Colorado Department of Oil and Public Safety is done annually at a cost of \$90. The Calhan Fire Protection District (CFPD) has determined that the expense is to be paid by the renter of their building. The CFPD (owner) can request that the boiler not be inspected. This option will be pursued subject to insurance requirements.

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 successful partnering with the Calhan Lions Club on the KidSpree school clothing project.

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m., at Calhan United Methodist Church.