

## Eastern Plains Community Pantry

### Board Meeting Summary

October 4, 2021

Eleven board members and one guest were present. The September 9, 2021, minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for September. Expenses were close to normal for the month but donations were down. A welcomed donation from St. Mary's Orthodox Church helped to reduce the deficit spending for the month.

The Pantry provided food to 1,015 client contacts in September. The Pantry is still working with Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado on how to keep records on "Senior Boxes". The problem seems to be that EPCP gives out boxes through out the month were most pantries give out boxes on one day. Our "Senior Box" inventory changes daily. Other pantries change their inventory once a month.

Twenty-three volunteers donated 679.5 hours last month. The Board discussed ways of thanking our all-volunteer staff. A thank you plan was approved to recognize the Pantry's greatly appreciated volunteers. The plan is confidential in order to maintain the surprise factor.

The Pantry thanks the United Methodist Women for their donation of rummage items (linens, toys, small household items, etc.) at the conclusion of the UMW Rummage Sale. Individuals continue to drop off donations during non-operating hours of the Pantry. Donations are to be dropped off when the Pantry is open. Someone left twelve bags of unacceptable soiled clothing and four broken bicycles on the front porch after hours last week. It all had to be thrown away.

The Pantry's PR Coordinator is working on consolidating the Pantry's website domain name with their website support service.

Sign-up for the "Holiday Giving" program will begin on October 18<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving. The Falcon Safeway will be a major contributor to the Pantry's "Holiday Giving" meals this year.

The Pantry will join Calhan Partners on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> as part of the Trunk or Treat portion of their Halloween event.

The old washer and dryer at the Pantry have been replaced with newer ones thanks to the Lopez family.

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; Pursuing exemption from an annual boiler inspection by the State of Colorado and reviewing consulting services for non-profits offered through the Pikes Peak Community Foundation

The Care and Share Mobil Food Pantry will be on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00 p.m., at Calhan United Methodist Church.