

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

December 6, 2021

Twelve board members and one guest were present. The November 1, 2021, minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for November. Expenses were close to normal for the month but total donations were down a little. Individual donations were up which help to reduce the deficit. The deficit spending was covered with reserve funds.

The Pantry provided food to 1,158 client contacts in November which included Thanksgiving meals. The Pantry did receive food from three food drives; the Leo Club organized a food drive at Calhan School, Pipsel School (Falcon) had a food drive and so did the Fervent Church (Colorado Springs).

Twenty-five volunteers donated 741 hours last month.

The Pantry has been receiving a lot of clothing and small household item donations. As a reminder, donations are to be made only during operating hours – no dumping on the front porch.

There are 567 Facebook contacts for the Pantry and last month 374 website visits were made.

Sign-up for the Christmas dinners will close on Friday, Dec. 10th. Safeway gift cards for Christmas dinners will be distributed on Dec. 18th, and 20th – 22nd. Clients that missed the sign-up need not worry. Cards will be available without a sign-up. Sign-up for the toy giveaway closed on Dec. 6th. Sign-up for “Teen Angels” will remain open until the cap of 40 is met. The toy/Teen Angel giveaway is scheduled for December 18th, 1:00 pm, at Swink Hall on the fairgrounds.

Anyone interested in helping with toy moving (12/17/21), setting up and/or cleaning up (12/18/21) for the toy giveaway, please contact the Pantry at 719 347 3062.

Directors Joan Lawson, Cheryl Lopez, Sharon Agun, Ed Bridges, Bob Selle and Stephanie Wukich volunteered to serve on the 2022 Budget Committee. Board Candidate Carl Finney will be asked to attend because Carl is running for Board Treasurer. A meeting place, date and time will be determined by the Committee.

There are five three-year Board of Director terms up for election. All board officer and coordinator positions are up for election. Any individuals interested in serving on the Board, as an officer or coordinator, contact Bob Selle to be placed on the ballot. The election will be held at the regular EPCP meeting on January 3rd, 6:00 pm, at Calhan UMC.

The Board approved \$1,000 to purchase a 15 cubic feet freezer. The freezer will replace an old one that stopped working and is used for frozen food donations.

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 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Pantry will be closed December 23, 24 & 25 for Christmas, and Dec. 31 and Jan 1 for New Year’s.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Monday, January 3, 2022, 6:00 p.m., at Calhan United Methodist Church.