

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

January 3, 2022

Ten board members and four guests were present. The December 6, 2021, minutes were approved as corrected.

Pantry revenues were greater than expenditures for December. Expenses were close to normal for the month but revenues were greater than normal. The additional revenues came from a Mountain View Electric Round Up Grant, and increased individual and business donations. The Pantry would like to thank Calvary United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs for their continued clothing, household items, volunteer time and monetary donations.

The Pantry provided food to 1,278 client contacts in December which included Christmas meals.

Thirty-one volunteers donated 907.75 hours last month. Concerns for three volunteers were expressed; two with knee replacement surgeries and one with acute respiratory failure. The total number of hours donated at the Pantry last year was 8,493. At the new minimum wage of \$12.57 per hour, the value of those donated hours would be \$106,757.

The Pantry has been receiving a lot of clothing and small household item donations. There is a need for coats.

The Holiday Giving Program went well. A special thank you to Falcon Safeway for holiday meal gift cards. Thank you to the Calhan Lions Club for providing refreshments and Santa at the toy giveaway.

The Board of Directors approved the 2022 budget with expenditures totaling \$44,500.

The Board of Director elected Carl Finney, Cheryl Lopez, Shorty Lopez, Bob Selle and Peggy Somers to three-year terms as Directors. Ken Niles was elected as an alternate to the Board if needed. The following officers were elected to one-year terms; President Bob Selle, Vice President Ed Bridges, Secretary Carolyn Gardner, and Treasurer Carl Finney. The following coordinators were elected to one-year terms; Pantry Coordinator Cheryl Lopez, Volunteer Coordinator Manny Espinoza, Clothing and Small Household Items Coordinator Peggy Somers, and Public Relations Coordinators Carolyn Gardner and Sharon Agun.

Donor recognition letters will be sent out this month.

The Board discussed the possibility of paving the parking lot. The loose asphalt is a problem for people using wheel chairs, walkers and canes. It is also difficult to roll loaded carts over the loose asphalt. This will be an action item on the Feb. EPCP agenda.

The Pantry is in need of blankets, bed linens, pots & pans, dishes, small appliances, coats, 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, January 21st, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Monday, February 7, 2022, 6:00 p.m., at Calhan United Methodist Church.