

## Eastern Plains Community Pantry

### Board Meeting Summary

June 6, 2022

Twelve board members and two guests were present. The May 2, 2022, minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for May. Expenses were higher because of the final payment for the parking lot paving project. Revenues were down for the month but a donation from the Calhan Lions Club and several individuals helped to reduce the deficit. Monthly operational expenses were normal except emergency food expenses were higher. The paving expenditure was covered by grants received from the Renaissance Charities Foundation and Farmers State Bank.

The Pantry provided food to 1,034 client contacts which is an increase over the numbers served for the last 4 months. Thanks to the postal workers and the Plainsmen 4 H Club for sponsoring food drives for the Pantry.

Thirty-two volunteers donated 688.5 hours last month. The "Volunteer Handbook" has been updated and is available at the Pantry.

Donations of clothing and small household items continue to arrive at the Pantry. Shelving in the storage shed has been completed. The totes will be labeled and arranged for easy access on the shelving.

There were 562 visits to the pantry's website and 4 new Facebook followers. A new home page has been installed. EPCP is under consideration for a presentation on "Feel Good Friday", KKTU Channel 11.

The Board received 65 client surveys during the months of April and May. All areas were ranked very high; overall satisfaction, staff friendliness, upkeep and quality of food. While all areas were rated very high, quality of food could be improved. There were many positive comments about the Pantry, such as; Great place, Thank God, God bless you all, Love this place, Very helpful, and Always helpful and friendly.

Memorial plaques are being made for pantry supporters Manny Espinoza, "Nap" Pieper and Myrna Hertnecky.

EPCP is planning a food booth for Calhan Summerfest (7/15/22). An adult meal and a child's meal will be offered. The adult meal will include a pork sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, a dessert and a drink for \$10. A child's meal will be a hot dog, chips, a cookie and a drink for \$5. The Pantry will start serving at 5:00 p.m.

The Pantry is in need of blankets, bed linens, pots & pans, dishes, small appliances, recipes for the website, and King Sooper customers to register their Community Rewards for EPCP.

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

The next regular Board of Directors meeting would be Monday, July 4, 2022. Because of the holiday, the meeting was moved by the Board of Directors to Wednesday, July 6, 2022, 6:00 p.m., at Calhan United Methodist Church.