Eastern Plains Community Pantry Board Meeting Summary

August 1, 2022

Ten board members and one guest were present. The July 6, 2022, minutes were approved.

Pantry revenues were greater than expenses for July. Revenues were higher because of funds raised at Calhan Summerfest, a donation from the Saponas Foundation and individual donations. Expenses were the usual utility costs.

The Pantry provided food to 1,112 client contacts last month.

Thirty-three volunteers donated 918.5 hours last month. Additional volunteers and hours were because of the Summerfest pork dinner.

Clothing for the Lions KidSpree (8/6/22) has been set aside. Parents can sign their kids up for KidSpree at the Pantry. At the time of the meeting, 79 kids were signed-up.

There were 15 new visits to the pantry's website and 5 new Facebook followers.

The Board was "OK" with the \$30 renewal for remote access to the walk-in freezer temperature.

The pulled pork dinner fundraiser at Calhan Summerfest raised \$2,312 minus expenses of \$477.76 and start-up cash of \$300, leaving a net profit of \$1,534.24. Thanks to the volunteers that donated 52 hours and Shorty and Cheryl Lopez for coordinating the fundraiser.

The cooling coils in the walk-in freezer clogged up with ice and needed to be thawed out. Top Fight Refrigeration and Heating did the work for \$125.

Methods of cooling the storage room were discussed. Additional fans will be purchased with more expensive cooling methods to follow if needed.

A review of the weapons policy for the Pantry clearly states that no weapons are allowed in or around the Pantry. Signs will be posted.

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, August 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors meeting for September was moved to Wednesday, Sept. 7th, at Calhan United Methodist Church. The change was made because the regular meeting date is on Labor Day.