

## **Eastern Plains Community Pantry**

### **Board Meeting Summary**

December 5, 2022

Twelve board members (one on the phone) and one guest were present. The November 7, 2022, minutes were approved.

Pantry expenses were greater than revenues for November. Expenses were up because of food purchases for Thanksgiving and partial payment for new flooring in the client service area.

The Pantry provided food to 1,079 client contacts last month which included Thanksgiving meals.

Thirty-four volunteers donated 727 hours in November.

The Pantry will not be accepting donations of clothing and small household items during December because of the installation of new flooring and a surplus of items.

The "Holiday Giving" Toy Giveaway, Pre-teen and Teen Angle gift pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm in Whittemore Hall on the El Paso County Fairgrounds. Set-up will start on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>, late morning/early afternoon. Volunteers are to report at 10:00 am on Saturday.

The Board set March 11, 2023, as the date to celebrate 10 years of operation. A chili and cinnamon roll lunch will be served starting at 11:00 am.

The EPCP Board of Directors voted to reduce operating hours. Starting January 1, 2023, the Pantry will open at 10:00 am Monday through Saturday. The Pantry will be open until 5:00 pm on Mondays, 1:00 pm on Tuesdays through Friday and 12:00 pm on Saturday. Also, the Pantry will be closed on the first and third Saturday of each month. The reason for the reduction is low number of clients between 9:00 and 10:00 am, and to cut back on hours of overworked volunteers.

The Board appointed a 2023 Budget Sub Committee. The Committee will meet on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:15 pm, at Calhan United Methodist Church.

The election of 8 directors (5 3-year terms, 2 1-year terms, and 1 2-year term) along with the election of officers and coordinators will be held at the January 2, 2023, at the Board of Directors meeting. Individuals interested in serving in the leadership of the Pantry should contact Bob Selle at 719 347 2873.

The Pantry is in need of blankets, bed linens, pots & pans, dishes, small appliances, children's clothing (sizes 3 – 14), recipes for the website, and King Sooper customers to register their Community Rewards for EPCP.

Future agenda items include adopting the 2023 budget, electing board members, officers and coordinators, and reviewing building key check-out.

The Care and Share Mobile Food Pantry will be on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 2, 2023, 6:00 pm, at Calhan United Methodist Church.