

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

February 7, 2023

Fourteen board members and four guests were present. The Jan. 2, 2023, minutes were approved.

Revenues were greater than expenses for January. Revenues were up because of funds granted through Mountain View Electric's Operation Round Up and a generous donation from the Calhan United Methodist Women.

EPCP will discontinue their "Pay Pal" account as it has not been used since it was established.

The Pantry provided food to 900 client contacts last month. The Pantry was blessed with a large donation of ground beef.

The Board approved the purchase of a laptop computer for the "Holiday Giving" program.

Thirty volunteers donated 754 hours in January.

A concern about people taking clothing and small house hold items for eBay and yard sales was discussed. Signs will be posted stating that Pantry donations are not to be used for resale. New signage will be posted to discourage dropping off clothing and small household item during non-operating hours.

Calhan Mayor Roland Gardine addressed the Board about government services in Calhan. The main concern was getting help with Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid services.

The Board approved a corrected 2023 budget totaling \$48,300.

Tasha Ryan and Richard Mackay were appointed Assistant Pantry Coordinators.

The Pantry will be celebrating 10 years of operating on Saturday, March 11, 2023, 11:00 am, at the EPCP building. A chili and cinnamon roll lunch will be served. The celebration is open to the public. Invitations will be sent to government officials and major donors. All community members will be invited through the Ranchland News, the community message board and the EPCP website.

Under facility concerns, snow guards were installed over the east door, and new entrance floor mats and shoe cleaners will be purchased.

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

Future agenda items include appointing an Assistant Clothing and Small Household Items Coordinator and finalizing the 10-Year Anniversary celebration.

The Care and Share Mobile Food Pantry will be on Friday, February 17th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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