

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

March 6, 2023

Fourteen board members and one guest were present. The Feb. 6, 2023, minutes were approved.

Expenses were greater than revenues for February. Expenses were up because of food and equipment purchases, and revenues were low for the month.

The Pantry provided food to 1,004 client contacts last month.

Thirty-eight volunteers donated 782.5 hours in February.

EPCP was selected as the "Charity of the Month" for March by the FOX21 Storm Team.

Property and liability insurance for the Pantry will increase in coverage and the premium will be less for 2023. Thanks to Gordon Insurance for finding better insurance at a lower cost.

Gee-Gee Kitzler was appointed Assistant Clothing and Small Household Items Coordinator.

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. Details of the celebration were discussed.

EPCP may be eligible for capital project funding through the American Rescue Plan Act. Projects such as replacing the roof, installing a new heating/air conditioning system, and carpeting the sorting room and office are under consideration.

The Board reviewed floor mats and signage designed to inform people that donations are not accepted when the Pantry is closed. After discussion, 2 board members were appointed to make the purchases.

The Board discussed animals being brought into the Pantry. The discussion culminated in allowing animals into the Pantry as long as the animal was not a threat to the operation of the Pantry or the people.

The Pantry needs 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.

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

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2023, 6:00 pm, at Calhan United Methodist Church.