Eastern Plains Community Pantry Board Meeting Summary

April 3, 2023

Fourteen board members and three guests were present. The March 6, 2023, minutes were approved.

Expenses were greater than revenues for March. Expenses were up because of the annual automobile, liability and personal property insurance payment. Thanks go out to Karen's Kafe, St. Mary's Orthodox Church and many individuals for March donations. Thanks go out to the Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning, Calhan Schools, Catholic Charities, Wal Mart and Costco for donated food. Revenues for April got off to a great start with donations from the FOX21 Storm Team, Wirenut 3 Degree Guarantee and Pro Player Association.

The Pantry provided food to 894 client contacts last month. Mobile Food Pantry numbers were down because of the weather.

Thirty-two volunteers donated 689.25 hours in March.

The Pantry celebrated 10 years of operating on Saturday, March 11th. Attendance was great, the food was delicious and the event was enjoyable.

New signs were approved to encourage donors to leave their donations only when the Pantry is open. New floor mats were purchased for the front door and east side door.

Prices for replacing the roof, installing a new heating/air conditioning system, and carpeting the sorting room and office were submitted for an American Rescue Plan Act grant.

The Pantry will have an entry in the Loyalty Day Parade Saturday, May 6th.

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.

Future agenda items will include reviewing pantry service hours and Calhan Summerfest BBQ pork dinner.

The Care and Share Mobile Food Pantry will be on Friday, April 21st, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2023, 6:00 pm, at Calhan United Methodist Church.