

## Eastern Plains Community Pantry

### Board Meeting Summary

November 6, 2023

Thirteen board members and nine guests were present. The Oct. 2, 2023, minutes were approved.

Seven members of the Falcon Exchange Club presented a check for \$5,000 to the EPCP Board. Earlier, the Falcon Exchange Club collected food and coats at their craft fair for the Pantry.

Revenues were greater than expenses for October. Revenues were up because EPCP was awarded a large grant from the Colorado Springs Health Foundation and individual giving was up.

The Pantry provided food to 1,257 client contacts during October. There were 300 more clients receiving food in October than in September.

Thirty-three volunteers donated 788.25 hours in October. The Volunteer Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers must sign-up in advance in order to get a count of attendees.

Donations of clothing and small household item are good. There is a need for men's jeans and winter coats.

The Board discussed the need for communicating with younger clients through newer social media channels. Board members will visit with the younger pantry volunteers as to the best electronic media to use.

"Holiday Giving" sign-ups for Teen Angels close on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving dinners close on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Toy Giveaway and Christmas dinners closed on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. The "Toy Giveaway" is Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 12:00 noon, at the Whittemore building on the El Paso Co. Fair Grounds. Kids are invited as the Calhan Lions Club Community Christmas Party will be held at the same time and place.

The Board discussed best ways to supplement nutritious food boxes if the pantry is short of a variety of healthy foods. The discussion was postponed to the next meeting.

The Pantry needs **pots & pans, dishes, small appliances**, winter coats, men's jeans, women's jeans, men's "T" shirts, pet food, recipes for the website, and King Sooper customers to register their Community Rewards for EPCP.

Future agenda items include; Appointing a 2024 budget committee, ballot preparation for the election of 2024 directors, officers and coordinators, Supplementing nutritious food boxes.

The Care and Share Mobile Food Pantry will be on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2023, 6:00 pm, at Calhan United Methodist Church.