

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

October 2, 2023

Twelve board members and two guests were present. The Sept. 11, 2023, minutes were approved.

Expenses were greater than revenues for September. Expenses were up because of garage door repairs and insulating the storage room. Donations from Calvery United Methodist Church, St. Mary's Orthodox Church and Edward Jones last month are greatly appreciated.

The Pantry provided food to 950 client contacts last month. Emergency food requests were up about 30%.

Forty-three volunteers donated 863 hours in September. The number of volunteers was up because 12 girl scouts and their sponsors help set-up for commodities. The Volunteer Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 13th.

Donations are good and at times are overwhelming. There is still a problem with donations being left when the Pantry is closed. All donations should be made during operating hours. Donated items should be good enough to give to family members.

"Holiday Giving" starts sign-ups for all programs on Tuesday, October 3rd. The "Toy Giveaway" is Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 12:00 noon. Kids are invited as the Calhan Lions Club Community Christmas Party will be held at the same time and place.

The Pantry will participate in the Halloween "Trunk or Treat" at Calhan School on Saturday, October 28th, 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Candy will be handed out of the pantry van by volunteers.

The EPCP Board discussed the need for gasoline cards. There are clients that can't afford gas for their cars to get to the Pantry. The Board is unwilling to take on the liability for gas cards but would support any attempt to provide such a service. The Board felt that providing food and clothing should help families with the need for gas money.

In the past, the Pantry has provided pet food but recently the source of pet food donations has dwindled. Other sources of pet food donations will be explored.

The Pantry needs **pots & pans, dishes, small appliances**, girl's clothing (sizes 3 – 12), women's jeans, men's "T" shirts, pet food, recipes for the website, and King Sooper customers to register their Community Rewards for EPCP.

There were no future agenda items.

The Care and Share Mobile Food Pantry will be on Friday, October 20th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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