

Eastern Plains Community Pantry

Board Meeting Summary

December 4, 2023

Fifteen board members and two guests were present. The Nov. 6, 2023, minutes were approved.

Revenues were greater than expenses for November. Revenues were up because of donations from the Falcon Exchange Club, Tanner Cattle Company, St Michael Catholic Church and individuals.

The Pantry provided food to 1,204 client contacts during November. This number does not include the number of clients that received Thanksgiving dinners (about 350).

Thirty-three volunteers donated 825 hours in November. The Volunteer Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 13th. Volunteers must sign-up in advance in order to get a count of attendees.

The Pantry has received more donated clothing than needed but there is a need for small household items. There is also a need for blankets. The Pantry has enough clothing and is not accepting summer clothes. Please contact CSHI Coordinator Susie (719 347 3062) to make appointments for donations.

“Holiday Giving” sign-ups for the Toy Giveaway and Christmas dinners will close on Dec. 8th. 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. Set-up will start at 10:00 am on Friday, Dec. 15 and will continue at 10:00 am on Saturday the 16th.

The Board approved an expenditure of \$300 for 20 \$15 supplemental food cards at Woolsey’s. The cards are to used for food items that may not be in stock at the Pantry; such as, milk, toilet paper, etc.

The Board appointed a 6-member 2024 Budget Committee. The Committee will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 11:00 am, at Farmers State Bank.

Elections will be held at the January 8th meeting. Contact Bob Selle (719 351 4421) if you would like to be included on the ballot for a director, officer or coordinator position.

After discussion about building improvements made by EPCP (almost \$60,000 over 11 years) and building improvements needed, the Board decided to touch base with the Calhan Fire Protection District as to their plans for the building. The Board Chair will contact the CFPD Chair.

The Pantry needs **pots & pans, dishes, small appliances**, winter coats, blankets, pet food, recipes for the website, and King Sooper customers to register their Community Rewards for EPCP.

Future agenda items include; Adoption of the 2024 Budget, Elections, Review of Keys, Credit Cards and Check Signers, Future of the Pantry Building Owned by the CFPD, Updating

Electronic Communications

The Care and Share Mobile Food Pantry will be on Friday, December 15th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting has been moved to Monday, January 8, 2024, 6:00 pm, at Calhan United Methodist Church. The change of date is because the regular meeting falls on New Year’s Day.