

## Eastern Plains Community Pantry

### Board Meeting Summary

January 8, 2024

Twelve board members and one guest were present. The Dec. 4, 2023, minutes were approved.

Expenses were greater than revenues by a little less than \$50.00 for December. Expenses and revenues were very close. Revenues were good thanks to Ed Glaser Propane, the Safari Club, Falcon Garden Club, Calhan School Band, and individual donations. Food expenses were up. All other expenses were about normal.

The Pantry provided food to 1,519 client contacts during December. This number includes 426 individuals receiving Christmas dinners.

Forty-four volunteers donated 1,123.75 hours in December. Total volunteer hours for 2023 were 10,123.5 donated by 109 individuals.

Clothing and small household items continue to be donated in large amounts but there is a need for blankets.

The "Holiday Giving" program was a success: 339 people received Thanksgiving dinners, 426 people received Christmas dinners, 134 children received Christmas gifts, 20 pre-teens received Christmas gifts and 53 teenagers received gifts. Individuals participating in the program increased by 7.5% from last year.

The Board adopted the 2024 budget. The budget was adopted with a little less than a 4% increase over last years budget. The total expenditures for 2024 are budgeted at \$49,800.

The election results for the 2024 Directors, Officers and Coordinators are as follows; 3-year Directors – Chris Adamson, George Hoover, Joan Lawson, Judy Napier and Tasha Ryan, Alternate Director – Sharon Agun, Officers – President Shorty Lopez, V. P. Ed Bridges, Secretary Carolyn Gardner and Treasurer Carl Finney, Coordinators – Pantry Cheryl Lopez, Volunteers Richard Mackay, Clothing and Small Household Items Susie Starr and Public Relations Carolyn Gardner/Sharon Agun.

The Board reviewed building keys checked out, credit card holders, and check signers - no changes.

Thank-you letters will be sent out to 2023 monetary donors.

The Calhan Fire Protection District has offered a 10 year lease of the Pantry building to EPCP at the current rental rate. The Board voted to accept the offer.

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.

Other Items: The Pantry will donate a basket for the Calhan High School vs Cancer raffle, new carts are needed to replace old ones, additional shelving is needed in the office, and EPCP will be a partner with Care Portal Partners.

Future agenda items include; Appointment of Coordinator Assistants

The Care and Share Mobile Food Pantry will be on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, February 5, 2024