



# **EAST MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY, INC.**

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## **Minutes Bi-monthly Organization Meeting Saturday, July 20, 2024 8:00 am-9:45 am**

Cindy calls the meeting to order at 8:05 am. Waivers signed by everyone but Amy Rome. Agenda David approves Cindy seconds, and passes unanimously.

Vote for President. David proposes that we vote Cindy Hunt into the position of President, and passes unanimously.

Triangle outreach: Vicki and Jan will make cookies this weekend and put in bags for employees along with a thank you note.

CET Report

35th Birthday party

Budget-\$1,000.00

Bands-Pink Flamingos, Cindy will ask her neighbor

Balloon Fiesta Oct 5th-13

Ask business to give and cover costs. Have at the Pantry. Use new lot for parking or entertainment

Thank you notes from Gratitude Team (Vicki Wheatley)

224 total donors 2023 through June 2024

13 business donors with coin boxes, food collection, and/or cash donations

118 cards sent Q1

55 cards sent Q2. Number is lower because we switched to quarterly thank yous for recurring donors instead of monthly

25-30 recurring donors

4 people writing thank you notes

Add the organizations that donate food on Facebook and let the gratitude team (Bruce)

### Manager's Report

Can RRFB food be given to other 501(C)(3)s like teen challenge? David will check our RRFB agreement for language that precluded transferring food to non-individual clients, like other 501(c)(3)s.

No TEFAP but still get Pantry Food? Is that how we want to handle it when people come in to register and don't qualify? Grants require us to only give food to people below the poverty level.

19 families came in for a "critical full box" when they had emergencies or bills. ARO reminds everyone that there is a difference between being food insecure and being below the poverty level. David is concerned that we will not qualify for grants legally because we are feeding people over the poverty level. Should we have an upper limit? What should that be? We should work on our language. Should we certify for a time period? 6-month limit? Committee to make a proposal...David will start the discussion after research. Amy Rome will create replacement language for "low-income food insecure" language for grants.

### Receiving Report

June for food rescued almost 28,000 lbs of food

Cindy is concerned with the size of her RRFB rescue team. She needs a few more people at 5:30 am. Vicki proposes that we ask Teen Challenge to help.

Cost of food-14 items make up a full box. Costs us \$12.41. A monthly box costs more than that per person. Up to \$7,500.00 a month. Budget per month is \$6,000.00. What are the statistics on donated food vs purchased food in each box? Cindy suggests we standardize the boxes. Sammie suggests we have one big one and one small one. We will discuss it at a later date.

### Financial Report:

BernCo grant 23-24 All wrapped up with purchases and Walmart grocery gift cards  
BernCo 24-25 Junior Bill Funding, State has changed their grant funding to GRO money  
BernCo says we are getting \$180,000 in Capital Outlay.

Volunteer survey? Create a Volunteer information sheet survey for the newsletter.

Share the volunteer survey with Amy Rome and she will help put it together. Volunteer Coordinator

United way volunteers:

Stephanie Urban from United Way

Saturday Sept 21, 2024

Need gravel for the retaining wall and the weed control project

Cindy will get a quote for more blocks and gravel

\$5,000.00 Budget

DeMolay, Trail Life as potential volunteer help

Assignments

Amy will look at Lions Club grants

Needs Job descriptions (Amy C)

Next Meeting 14 September 2024. Cindy seconded, passed.

David would like to have a groundbreaking ceremony. Suggested that we incorporate it into our 35th birthday bash.

Cindy proposes to adjourn the meeting, David seconds it, and it passes.

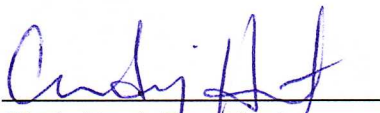
Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Submitted by:



David Smith, Acting Secretary, for Amy Clements who is not available

Attested by:

  
Cindy Hunt, President