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Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, Inc.

Sale Dates: April 7 - 8, 2017

Website: www.kansas.mccsale.org

**KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE, INC.
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
March 23, 2017
Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church**

Welcome by Church Liaisons. Pastor Caleb Yoder led us in a devotional and remembered Michael (MJ) Sharp who was kidnapped along with five other colleagues while on a peacekeeping mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

First Attendees were welcomed. Jim and Mary Regier, Meadowlark homemade ice cream booth, and Misti Kroeker, new breakfast chair.

Important Dates:

April 1 – Bohne Beroggi making day, Moundridge
April 4 – Venenike making day, Hillsboro
April 7 & 8, 2017 – Sale at Fairgrounds
May 18, 2017, Annual Meeting, Eden Mennonite
April 13 & 14, 2018 – 50th Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

Radio Spots: Wichita radio station Q92 (92.5 FM) will air six 30 second spots, six times a day for the week before the Sale.

Treasurer's Report (Tim Miller):

Income since last meeting:

\$28,000 from churches; total \$50,000
\$2,500 – general donations
\$5,300 – Fellowship Meals; total \$6,040
\$1,100 – Partnership Program; total \$12,100
\$647 – My Coins Count; total \$1,200
\$93,000 – Total income

Expenses:

\$6,800 – insurance
\$12,500 – total expenses

Current balance: \$122,389

MCC Bucks are available for 2017 Sale. MCC Bucks is a booklet of ten \$1.00 certificates that spend as cash at the Sale. MCC Bucks will be available at Information Booth at the Sale.

Cash Boxes will contain picture of two girls who will be runners this year. Let Tim know if you need different change in your cashbox.

Communication Committee Report: Sale bills are available. Help distribute in the Community. Check out Facebook and Website.

KMRS App for smart phones has been developed. Go to your App Store and search for Kansas MCC Sale to download. The App will be used to push out schedule alerts during the Sale weekend. This is a free app. App tents with information will be tables at the Sale.

Artist Gail Packer is donating some prints from her collection and will be sold at the General Auction. These prints were sold at Morton Interior, Hutch, for \$900 to \$1200 unframed.

Purchasing Committee collected bids for the budget. We collected 95% of the budget this year through bids.

My Coins Count buckets collected coins. Every little bit helps to meet our expenses.

The sale of the house at 212 South Poplar, Newton closed today. KMRS will receive a check for \$35,000.

Correction to 3/9/17 Minutes: Minutes stated house was listed at \$43,000. It was actually listed at \$40,000.

Verenike Making Committee could use some ice cream buckets and cool whip containers. Bring with you on April 4. Verenike making will take place in the Commercial Building on Fairgrounds, Hillsboro. Looking for Committee members for rotation of members.

Tractor Drivers are needed for the Sale. Contact Charlie Watkins.

Children Auction items are needed. Bring to the Pride of Kansas building or contact Jason Regier.

Silent Auction has collected approximately 40 items. Donations are appreciated. If you have a donation contact Al Penner or Matt Schmidt.

Jerry Toews has been working of numerous vehicles and tractors. Get the word out so bidders will come to buy. Check out pictures and info on the website.

Ride for Relief has been set for May 21. Will leave from Buhler Mennonite and go to Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church. A staggered start will be at 7:15 and 7:45.

General Auction appreciates good quality items. Toys and dolls sell well. Always need more woodworking tools. If you donate an old stove, couch or piano be sure to attach \$100 bill as that is the only way it will sell!!

Volunteer Sheets were returned to Committee Chairs. If you still have volunteer sheets and you don't know where to return the forms, contact BJ Reeves and she will forward on.

Mennonite Disaster Service is organizing work days in the fire damage communities. Youth groups can help with fence clean up. Bring gloves, chain saws, water, skid steer. Homeowners are very appreciative. Contact your congregation MDS representative or Gordon Unruh, State MDS coordinator for details.

Start time for Sale on Friday evening is 4:00. The Board is giving flexibility on the start time for booths that sell food that is made on the fairgrounds. A letter will be sent to building superintendents and food sale chairs.

REMEMBER:

- Fruits of the Spirit as you work
- Follow the golden rule
- Relax and smile
- Read volunteer guide at your booth
- Cleanliness is important
- Enjoy Sale family! Meeting friends you see once a year at the Sale

April 7 and 8 will be the 49th Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. It's a blessing to work together to raise funds for MCC and to serve God.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb BJ Reeves
KMRS Secretary