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Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, Inc.

“You Did It For Me”
Matt 25:40

**KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE, INC.
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
February 9, 2017
Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**

Welcome by Church Liaison Cathy Everingham. Matthew 25 was read as our devotional. Thanks to Lorraine Avenue Mennonite for their hospitality and refreshments.

New items: Piggy banks and reuseable bags with KMRS logo will be ordered and sold in the Yardsticks/Hats booth at the Sale. Banks can be given to children to encourage collection of coins throughout the year for My Coins Count.

My Coins Count: All churches are encouraged to collect coins for My Coins Count. This is a way to involve children in the Sale.

Treasurer’s Report (Tim Miller):

Income since 1/13/117;

\$7600 – from Partnerships

\$8897 – From Churches

\$2000 – Donations

Expenses:

\$ 611 – House for Hunger

Current balance - \$78,558

MCC Bucks are available for purchase at all General Meetings. MCC Bucks is a booklet of ten \$1.00 certificates that spend as cash at the Sale.

Credit Cards: Feeding the Multitude will be accepting credit cards. If your booth wants to accept credit cards, contact Tim Miller. All you need is either a smart phone or tablet.

Price Changes: If you would like the Board to consider a price change, please let the Board know before March meeting.

Theme this year is “you did it for me” based on Matthew 25:40. As we prepare, clean and serve let us remember to treat each other and those we serve like Christ wants us to treat others.

Important Dates to Remember:

March 5 & 12 – Fellowship Meal Sundays
March 6-8 – Comforter Blitz, Journey Yoder
March 9 – KMRS General Meeting, Tabor Mennonite
March 23 – KMRS General Meeting, Alexanderwohl
April 1 – Bohne Beroggi making day – Moundridge
April 4 – Verenike making day – Hillsboro
April 7 & 8 – Sale weekend
May 18 – Annual Meeting, Eden Mennonite

Service Opportunities: Announce in your congregation needs and tap individuals on the shoulder. These are crucial needs. Listing is posted on website under Liaison tab.

Communication Committee Report:

- Sale brochures are available to distribution. Contact Becky Blough at publicity@kansas.mccsale.org for brochures
- Continue to check the website for updates of donated items
- Minutes, sign up sheets and other items are posted on the Liaison Tab on website
- Get info and pictures for Sale Bill to publicity@kansas.mccsale.org ASAP
- Pictures of donated items should be sent to photos@kansas.mccsale.org
- Blake Stucky is creating an App for KMRS. More details to come

Purchasing Committee Report:

- Be sure to return your purchase orders
- Looking at new mini pie plates
- Collected \$31,000 leaving a balance of \$29,850 to collect. Bring your bids next month

Open Mic:

Fellowship Meals will be held on March 5 and 12. If someone is interested in taking over the Committee talk to Bob and Teresa Poulseen.

Silent Auction is always looking for items to sell. If you have items to donate, let Matt Schmidt, Al Penner or Jeffrey Graber know. Send pictures for publicity.

Comforter Blitz will be held March 6, 7 and 8 at Journey Church, Yoder. Comforter kits are available to put together and return before the Blitz.

Quilt Committee deadline to submit quilts is March 13 in order to be published in the quilt book. Bring your quilt to the March 9 meeting or to the MCC Center.

Run for Relief again will be at Rice Park, 8:00, Saturday morning. Darrel Doerksen from Lorraine Avenue has done the walk for 10 years and has raised around \$40,000. Mr. Doerksen is turning 80 this year. Thanks to Lorraine Ave for supporting him.

Verenike Making will be at the Marion County Fairgrounds on April 4. This year it will be in a different building which is 2 buildings to the West of the usual building. Needing cookies donated for break time.

Children's Activities needs volunteers for Saturday. Bethel College students will fill the Friday slots.

Motorcycle Run needs a host church. Contact Jason Regier if interested in hosting.

Jerry Toews reported the donations of a 1928 Chevy Coupe and 2009 Kymco Agility 125 Motorcycle. Next meeting a poster will be distributed listing all vehicles/tractors/campers, etc.

MCC Story - Why do we do this? Information from MCC Website:

Around the world, one in ten people don't have access to clean, safe water. Women and girls spend hours every day walking to collect water to drink or use for cooking and washing. And farmers lose crops when they can't access water for irrigation. With your support, MCC works with local partners to make sure people have access to clean water closer to their homes, both today and in the future. This includes projects such as:

- Constructing systems for collecting rainwater
- Digging wells and building dams for drinking or irrigation
- Training local people to construct and maintain water pumps
- Teaching sanitation and hygiene practices

At home your clean water is probably never more than a few steps away. Share the gift of water with others around the world.

- \$30 provides pipes for water systems
- \$150 helps to dig a well
- \$300 helps provide clean water in homes

Mini Auction was held after General Meeting bringing in \$3,077.

Meeting Closed with prayer.

Submitted by:

Barb (BJ) Reeves
KMRS Secretary