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# Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, Inc.

Sale Dates: April 7 - 8, 2017

Website: [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org)

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## KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE, INC. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING March 9, 2017 Tabor Mennonite Church

**Welcome** by Jerry Toews. Pastor Phil Schmidt shared from Romans 12:9-21 followed by prayer. Thanks to Tabor for their hospitality and refreshments.

**Thoughts and Prayers** were offered to the families who were affected by the wildfires in Kansas this past week. Also thanks to all the first responders, including Matt Voth, for their work. Bob Richards, pole vaulter on Wheaties box, said "God must love ordinary people because there are lots of them doing extra ordinary things!" Like firefighting and volunteering for KMRS.

**Sale is one month away.** It is time to get the projects completed and insure sign up sheets are out and being filled up. Let's remember our theme "we do it for Him" as we work together.

**My Coins Count** buckets were passed around. Remember to collect your coins at church and bring to the Sale.

**House has sold!** The house at 212 South Poplar, Newton was donated middle of January. Realtor thought some repairs were needed so Bill Unruh found some volunteers and a retaining wall was installed. The realtor thought the repairs would bring another \$10,000. House was listed at \$43,000 and sold for \$38,500. Closing will be March 23, 2017. Celebrate the quickness of this sale!

### **Treasurer's Report (Tim Miller):**

Income since last meeting:

\$10,770 – Budget  
\$690 – Fellowship Meals  
\$3,150 – Mini Auction  
\$2,250 – Partnership Program (total \$11,000)  
\$240 – My Coins Count  
\$700 – Run for Relief

Expenses:

\$900 – printing

Current balance - \$92,235

**MCC Bucks** are available for 2017 Sale. Tim Miller will have them available again at the next meeting. MCC Bucks is a booklet of ten \$1.00 certificates that spend as cash at the Sale.

**Sale Bill** is ready for distribution. A flyer with pictures of the big ticket items from the General Auction has also been printed. If you need copies, contact Becky Blough at [Publicity@kansas.mccsale.org](mailto:Publicity@kansas.mccsale.org)

**Communication Committee Report:** Sale brochures are available and need to be distributed. Contact Becky if you need some brochures. Remember to send pictures of donated items for the website and Facebook. Send to [photo@kansas.mccsale.org](mailto:photo@kansas.mccsale.org) This way everyone who needs the pictures will have access to them.

**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 general information now and also event schedule alerts during the Sale weekend. This is a free app.

**Purchasing Committee collected** bids for the budget. Attached is an updated bid sheet. Bring your bids to next meeting so we can meet the budget!

**Fellowship Meals** were a success again year. Thank you to all who participated.

**Quilt Committee:** Remember to attach the quilt form to all quilts so the Committee has all the info needed for the quilt book. Volunteers are needed for both days of Sale weekend.

**Verenike Making Day** will be April 4 at Hillsboro Fairgrounds in new building. Signs will be posted. Two shifts – 8:00 and 12:00. Need ice cream buckets with lids and also cool whip containers.

**Pie Committee:** Be sure pies are labeled. Rhubarb is a popular seller and often run out! Sugar free pies are needed. If you don't fill all the pie pans, please return to be re-used next year. Willis and Thelma Kaufman are retiring from the Pie Committee. Thank you for your many years of service. Vi and Keith Leinbach will be the new Chairs.

**Baked Goods:** Committee understands it is hard to fill the request for all the zwiebach. Do the best you can. Good sellers are the mini pies (1 pie recipe makes 3 mini pies), poppy seed rolls (package some in half), jams and jellies, cinnamon rolls, angel food cakes, peppernuts. If you do not fill all the zwiebach bags or mini pie pans, please return.

**Children's Activities:** Still looking for coordinators for the Children's activities. Still needing volunteers for the Saturday afternoon shift.

**Children's Auction** is held on Saturday at 10:00 in the Pride of Kansas building. Need good donated toys for the children to bid on. Ask the parents in your congregation what a popular toy would be. Previous good sellers have been barn set, doll & carriage, theme baskets such as movies, candy, water play, etc. Electronics are good too.

**Comforter Blitz** was held March 6, 7, 8, 2017 at Journey, South Hutchinson. Approximately 446 women from 62 different congregations attended including 2 van loads from Old Colony Mexico. 306 comforters were completed.

**Silent Auction** is collecting items. Let Matt Schmidt or Al Penner know if you have item to donate.

**Ten Thousand Villages** again will be offering items from other countries at the Sale with the money going back to the artisan and also to MCC. Volunteers are needed to set up, sell and tear down. A great booth for intergenerational volunteers. Bring your grandchildren to work with you.

**Run for Relief** is celebrating their 20 year anniversary with a 20 for 20. Ask 20 friends to donate \$20. The Run will be at Rice Park starting at 8:00. T-shirt will be a retro design celebrating the 20 years.

**Plants and Things** are needing donated plants such as bulbs, separated plants or anything you have. Also need some flat boxes. Will take donations Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Sign up to volunteer.

**Borscht** volunteers needed at the Sale on Saturday to help serve borscht at feeding of the multitude. Contact either Becky Blough or Barb Reeves to volunteer.

**Jerry Toews Report:** Phone continues to ring with donations. We need everyone to put the Sale Bill out in the community to bring in the buyers for all the donated items. Also, if you have pictures of items donated send them to [photo@kansas.mccsale.org](mailto:photo@kansas.mccsale.org) for the website and Facebook. Donors expect us to do what we can to bring in the money for MCC.

**Detail duty:** Jerry Toews will have a work day for detailing all the vehicles and tractors in about two weeks. Watch to announcement in bulletin.

**Volunteer Guide** has been written and will be at every booth. It will answer questions such as open/close time, MCC bucks, who to contact if medical need, etc. Phone numbers will be listed. This will be available soon. Remember Matt Voth is the Sale Manager.

**Service Opportunities List** is attached. Are you interested in one of these positions? Tap others on the shoulders. The Domestic Arts Verenike Booth is wanting to start a rotation schedule for the Committee. We need four couples willing to serve in this capacity. The duties include frying the verenike in the cook trailer and selling the verenike/sausage at the Domestic Arts booth.

**Important Dates:**

March 23, 2017, 7:00 pm – General Meeting at Alexanderwohl

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 – 50<sup>th</sup> Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

**Things to Remember:**

Check out the website/Facebook for items donated. Spread the word

Use the Liaison tab on the website for information including sign up sheets

Always looking for good volunteers – post the Service Opportunities

Remember the golden rule as you work with volunteers at the Sale; do the best we can

We are “doing it for Him”. Glorify God as we raise funds for MCC.

**Meeting closed** with prayer.

Submitted by:

Barb (BJ) Reeves

KMRS Secretary