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# Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, Inc.

Sale Dates: April 12 - 13, 2019  
Website: [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org)

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**Welcome:** Susan Lamb welcomed us to Hesston Mennonite. We started the evening off by supporting the HMC youth fundraiser by eating chili. Susan read from Matthew 6 about not storing up “stuff” but related it to how the MCC Sale was all about “stuff” that we sell to raise funds for others without “stuff”. We all work towards of common goal of helping others in need.

**Thank you, Hesston Mennonite,** for hospitality and for the chili. Jim Robb, chair, welcomed us to General meeting and introduced the officers. Board members were recognized along with Matt Voth, Sale Manager; Becky Blough, Publicity and Facebook; Sherry Unruh, website. Feel free to ask any questions you may have regarding the Sale. New liaisons attending the meeting were introduced and welcomed to the KMRS family. We are gathered for a common purpose and tonight we start creating the 2019 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Thank you for already working on projects to donate. Each opportunity to serve is important and allows us to work together serving God.

**Purchasing Committee** (Fred Goering): Bids were collected from churches and families. Take the attached updated Bidder Sheet and share with your congregation, Sunday School classes, and other organizations/groups within your church and bring your bids to the February meeting.

**Fellowship Meals** (Barb Reeves): The dates for the Fellowship Meals are March 3 and March 10. Attached is a flyer to share with your congregation. Deadline is February 8 so bring registrations to the February meeting or send directly to Barb.

**MDS Garden Shed:** MDS will be building a Garden Shed at the Sale and selling it at the General Auction again this year. Hesston College MDS class will do cutting boards, etc ahead of time to help with speeding up the process.

**Verenike Making:** Joy Dalke, Chair of Verenike Making, will report next meeting with details about the Verenike Making Day. We are needing volunteers to step up for the leadership of the Verenike Making Day. This is Joy’s last year. If we want to continue to make our verenike, we need leadership to step up. Other members of the Committee are in tack but need leadership. Are you willing to help? Know of someone who can fill this roll? This could be a joint project if several want to work together. As far as time commitment, it’s a day to prepare for Making Day, provide leadership on the Making day, and once packed in the truck, you are done! Enjoy the Sale Day doing what you want (eating verenike!). For details contact Jim Robb.

**Publicity** (Becky Blough): Calling Cards are available to pass out and get the date of the Sale out. Also let people know of Facebook and Website. If Committees have announcements they want in

Church bulletins, let Becky know. Theme for 2019 is from John 15:4 – Giving from our Abundance. That abundance ranges from our time to donating our stuff.

**MCC bucks** are available from Tim Miller. These are booklets of ten \$1.00 certificates that can be spent at the Sale. Good to use for kids/grandkids, invite first time attendees. \$10 for one book. No Treasurer's Report as Tim was unable to attend meeting.

**My Coins Count** (Eric Litwiller): KMRS has purchased the coin vortex. If your church wants to borrow to encourage giving, let Eric know. We need to be careful in the transporting and be sure it is taken good care of. Buckets were passed to collect coins.

**Run for Relief** (Connie Kaufman): The Run is scheduled for Saturday morning at Rice Park. Time to encourage church member to start collecting donations. Flyers will be available next month. Sign up will also be done online.

**Quilts** (Charlene Driggers): Quilt deadline is March 11, 2019. Be sure to attach a quilt form which you can find on the KMRS website and also attached to this email. Photos are being taken that day so if you want your quilt in the book, need to get quilt to MCC Center by March 11!

**Quilter's Corner** (Margaret Wiebe): Quilter's Corner has a handout of suggested items to donate. It is attached. The Committee works year around preparing donations. If you want to help the Committee, they meet at the MCC Center, North Newton, Tuesday evenings and one Saturday a month. Bring donations to General Meetings or take to MCC Center marked Quilter's Corner.

**Silent Auction** (Matt Schmidt): If you have donations for Silent Auction, let Matt, Al or Eric know so they can prepare space.

**Mechanical Restoration** (Jerry Toews): Looking for cars, trucks, tractors, mowers to sell at General Auction. Don't need to be running as Jerry will fix up vehicle and get running. If you are buying a new vehicle, think of donating old vehicle instead of trading in. Items currently donated will be showing up on Facebook and Website soon.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

January 29 – Sale Bill Deadline

February 7 - General Meeting, Mini Auction, Faith Mennonite Newton

March 3 and 10 – Fellowship Meals

March 4, 5, 6 – Comforter Blitz, Journey Mennonite, Yoder

March 11 – Quilts Deadline

March 14 – General Meeting – need Host Church

March 28 – General Meeting – need Host Church

April 6- Bohne Berrogi Making

April 9 – Verenike Making

April 12-13 – Sale Weekend

May 19 – Ride For Relief

**Volunteers Needed:** Keep in your prayers that needed volunteers step up

Verenike Making Committee Leadership - **URGENT**

Domestic Arts Building Verenike Booth Leadership

FTM Saturday Sausage Making Chair

**Sign In Sheets** will soon be available. Ten Thousand Villages sign up in attached.

**MCC Report:** Maynard Knapp shared stories of the work of MCC around the world providing food assistance, material resources, health kits, repairing gardens and helping farmers displaced by violence with interest free loans, seeds and planting, and providing materials and training pastors to help abused women. We raise money through our Sale for people who need assistance and provide financial assistance to MCC programs. People who need money and people who donate money meet on common ground .... God's Love ..... We do this in the name of Christ.

Remember February Meeting is our Mini Auction. Bring something to sell to raise funds towards the budget. Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Barb BJ Reeves  
KMRS Secretary