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# Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, Inc.

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

“May the God of Hope fill you with joy.”  
Romans 15:13

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## KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE, INC. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING January 13, 2022

**Welcome:** Kevin Wilder, Interim Pastor, welcomed us to Whitestone Mennonite, Hesston, and led us in prayer.

**Thanks to Whitestone** for their hospitality and offering the Zoom option for the meeting. This was a hybrid meeting due to the increase of Covid case.

**Reminder, our 2022 Sale Theme** is from Romans 15:13: “May the God of Hope Fill you with Joy”. Let us continue to work with hope and pray that when we get to the Sale weekend we will be healthy and provide for others around the world.

**Coronavirus situation update:** The omicron surge is expected to be a fast spike. Experts seem to think by Spring, the virus will be under control. Goshen MCC Office believe April Sales will be okay and will proceed. We will proceed with planning and be positive.

**Resignation of Board Member,** David Dick, was accepted. Beth Schwabauer has agreed to complete David’s term after an affirmative vote. There are still 2 vacant board member positions. We are looking for someone interested in filling the positions.

**Introduction of Board Members** along with Becky Blough, Publicity; and Sherry Unruh, webmaster.

**New Liaisons** present at meeting were Rene and Kristine Kaufman from Eden Mennonite. If your email changes or you are new to KMRS family, be sure you give your contact info to Barb.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Jo Kasitz

**Income:**

- Donations - \$8,500
- Kansas State Fair - \$2,500
- Partnerships - \$500

**Balance:** \$69,704.24

Send all donations and invoices to:

Jo Kasitz, Treasurer  
1715 Casey  
Newton 67114

**Purchasing Committee** will be meeting with Sysco next week. We can expect prices to be higher, more time for deliveries, paper products in limited supplies. Sysco is to let us know by March 1 whether the refer trailer will be available for our use. The amount of \$24,900 in bids were collected leaving a balance of \$57,050 of the budget to collect. Remember to collect your bids and bring to February meeting. Updated Bidder's Record is attached.

**Important Dates:**

- February 10 – General Meeting & mini auction – Tabor Mennonite
- March 1 – Deadline for Quilts to MCC Center
- March 10 – General Meeting at First Mennonite, Hutchinson
- March 24 – need Host
- April 2 – Bohne Berrogi making
- April 5 or 6 – Verenike making
- April 8 & 9 – Sale Weekend
- May – Annual Meeting – Hesston Mennonite

**Critical Vacant Positions:**

New Year Cookies Chair. We will be making the position into three different positions. We will write up job descriptions and will send out for you to help recruit Set Up/Tear Down; Mixing and Frying; Selling.

Domestic Arts Superintendent. Set up booths, work with food booth chairs, keep building clean including bathrooms and help tear down after Sale.

Pride of Kansas Superintendent (Children's Building). Schedule inflatables, help with Children's auction and keep building/bathrooms clean.

**Prices** will be reviewed. If you are wanting to change the price of item(s) you sell to help cover the increased prices, let Board know by first March meeting. We need to be consistent on prices for similar items.

**Signage.** If you are needing updated signage contact Prestige Printing, Hesston or Baker Brothers Printing, Hillsboro. Be sure to wait until prices are updated.

**Children's Auction** will be collecting donated toys for the children to bid on. Bring items to the Pride of Kansas Sale weekend. There will also be a collectible toy semi auction.

**Communication Report, Matt Schmidt.** Watch for updates on the website and Facebook. If you have pictures of items to advertise, send to [photos@kansas.mccsale.org](mailto:photos@kansas.mccsale.org) Also, if you want to use Sign Up Genius to recruit volunteers, let Sherry Unruh know and she will help set it up.

**Open Mic:**

**Feeding the Multitude** will include options such as verenike with gravy, sausage, bohne berrogi, borscht, zwiebach and water. Continue to work on ways to serve safely.

**Silent Auction, Matt Schmidt.** Thanks to Al Penner for his years of service to the Silent Auction. Let Matt know if you have anything for the Silent Auction.

**Restoration of Vehicles, Tractors, etc.** If you or someone you know is trading vehicles, have tractors ready to sell, why not donate to MCC Sale. Contact Jerry Toews.

**Fellowship Meals:** Due to Covid, we are not offering the traditional fellowship meals. We encourage congregational meals or inviting family/friends over for a meal and asking for a donation for MCC. Form in attached.

**Verenike/Sausage Booth, Domestic Arts:** Committee has been serving 25 plus years and they announced they will be retiring. Currently the Committee consists of 7 people and we are looking for others to step up and train with current Committee during the 2022 Sale. If there is a group from your congregation willing to take this on, contact a Board Member.

**Missing Quilts:** Jim shared that there were some quilts that did not make it from MCC Center to Sale in July. After months of searching, we don't know what happened. Apology letters were sent to the individuals who donated the items letting them know we have set up new procedures of plastic containers to store quilts so they will not get mixed up with other items at MCC Center.

**Thank you** for attending the meeting either in person or virtually. Thanks for your bids today and remember to talk to your congregations about donating. Remember our crucial vacancies; pray that volunteers will step up.

**Closing:**

Jim shared from Common Place, a publication from MCC, about local communities and displaced people in Burkina Faso coming together to serve. This magazine is available on MCC website and talks about the work on MCC. Closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb BJ Reeves  
KMRS Secretary