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Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, Inc.

Website: www.kansas.mccsale.org

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

KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE, INC. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING February 10, 2022

Welcome: Leann Toews, Tabor MCC Liaison, welcomed us to Tabor Mennonite. She shared with us how they personalize MCC experiences with their family. If we want to recruit volunteers we need to share our personal stories.

Thanks to Tabor for their hospitality. Welcome to those who attended the General Meeting for the first time. Also, welcome to the regular attendees. Your work to promote the MCC Sale to your congregations is greatly appreciated.

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

Treasurer’s Report: Jo Kasitz
Income: Donations: \$13,951.45
Expenses: \$450.58
Balance: \$83,597.98

MCC Bucks are booklets of ten \$1.00 certificates that can be used at the MCC Sale as cash at any booth or auction. Give them to children/grandchildren to spend. Give to family or neighbors to encourage them to attend the Sale. The MCC booklets are available from Jo and will be brought to General Meetings for purchase.

Send all donations and invoices to:
Jo Kasitz, KMRS Treasurer
1715 Casey
Newton 67114

Purchasing Committee collected bids to meet the budget. Remember to collect your bids and bring to the next meeting. Updated Bidder’s Record is attached.

Crucial Leader Positions: Some positions have been filled but continue to look for some leaders. If you know of anyone interested in positions listed below, contact a Board Member.

- **New Year Cookies Committees:**
Set up and tear down trailer – Matthew Koontz and Kevin Sebes
Mixing, frying and glazing – John and Elaine Unruh; Brent and Pam Abrahams
Selling NY Cookies – looking for someone to set up booth, package cookies and supervise selling

- **Domestic Arts Building Superintendent:** Need someone to set up booths, work with food booth chairs, keep building clean including bathrooms and help tear down after Sale
- **Pride of Kansas Superintendent:**
Position filled with three young ladies from Journey, South Hutch; Linda Goering has also volunteered to help with children's activities
- **Verenike Frying and Selling in Domestic Arts:**
Need someone to take over leadership of frying and selling verenike and sausage in Domestic Arts. Current Committee will train this year.

Sign up Genius will be on KMRS website for volunteers to sign up to serve at all the different booths; such as Kansas Crafts, Plants and Things, Feeding the Multitude, Quilters, Corner, New Year Cookies, Children's Building, and other options. Tap people on shoulders letting them know of opportunities to serve. Share your personal experiences of helping at the Sale. We are finding that a personal conversation either by phone or in person is better than an email.

Price Changes:

If your Committee wants the Board to consider price changes, please contact a Board Member by March 1. Prices need to be consistent of similar items throughout the Sale. We know supply costs are up. If you need new signs after price changes, contact Prestige Printing, Hesston, or Baker Bros Printing, Hillsboro.

Good Hygiene is very important as we start to make pies, zwieback, bohnee berroggi, bread. Be mindful of washing hands and clean countertops. This is even more important during Covid break outs.

Children's Auction is needing good toys, bikes, games and other kid friendly items to sell to the younger generation. This is an opportunity for children to learn about auctions and giving to MCC. These items can be brought to the Pride of Kansas building Friday or Saturday morning before 9:30. Auction will be at 10:00 on Saturday

Publicity Report: Becky Blough:

- Bulletin/Newsletter announcements are being sent out
- Remember to share info about Fellowship Meals; encourage your congregation to offer a meal either in person or carry out
- Continue to promote My Coins Count
- Sale Bill deadline is February 28 – send pictures and info to photos@kansas.mccsale.org
- Talk to people in person encouraging them to volunteer at the Sale.

Communication Report: Matt Schmidt:

- If Committees want to use Sign Up Genius, contact Sherry Unruh at unruh.sherry@gmail.com
- Promote the KMRS website and Facebook. This is the best place to gain information regarding the Sale
- Website has Liaison tab with helpful info and included Liaison Handbook

Pies: Thelma Kauffman

- Pin tins will be distributed next month. If you are unable to attend meeting, make arrangements for someone to pick up for you.

Verenike Making: Karen Hiebert

- Verenike making will take place in Hillsboro on Saturday, March 26, 2022. Note the change of date to a Saturday.
- Sign up Genius will be on website

Feeding the Multitude: Delbert Peters

- Meals will be served as box meals. If County allows eating in large group, tables will be available in Cottonwood Courts. Otherwise, meals will be carry out.
- Verenike, gravy and sausage will be served
- Adding Bohne Berroggi and Borscht this year.
- No moos, pie, bread, or relishes
- Planning to make 3500 meals

Silent Auction: Matt Schmidt.

- Thanks to everyone who brought items for Silent Auction. Remember to let me know if you have other items. If you aren't sure at which auction your item should be sold, ask. We will help with that decision to bring the most money.

Kansas Crafts:

- Tea Towels already stamped and ready to embroider are available. These sell very well at Kansas Crafts. Feel free to pick up a set and distribute to ladies in your congregation. Update: all packets were picked up at meeting! Remember to bring to Kansas Crafts the weekend of Sale.

Quilter's Corner: Ann Smith

- See attached flyer
- Take donations to MCC Center clearly marked for Quilter's Corner

Restoration of Vehicles, Tractors, etc: Jerry Toews

- We are able to fix up donated items with the generous help and donation of tires, parts, time from many
- If donated item takes too much to fix up for Sale, it is sold privately on market place, Craig list, etc

Breakfast: Buhler Mennonite

- Pancakes, eggs, sausage will be served in clam shells
- Prices will increase to \$10/adult; \$7 children

Plants and Things: Kristi Unruh

- Start splitting your house plants
- Start your other plants
- Nice presentation of plant sells best
- Bring boxes/flats for buyers to use
- Sign up will be on website

Run for Relief: Amy Schmidt

- 25th anniversary for Run for Relief – 5K walk/run
- Will be held at Rice Park on Saturday morning
- There will be a virtual option offered. Walk/Run can be completed any time before Sale weekend
- Encourage walkers/runners to collect additional funds as that is the way to raise the most money
- Sign up is on website

Important Dates:

- February 28 – Sale Bill deadline
- Fellowship Meals – ongoing until Sale
- March 1 – Deadline for Quilts to MCC Center
- March 10 – General Meeting at First Mennonite, Hutchinson
- March 24 – Faith Mennonite, Newton
- April 2 – Bohne Berrogi making, Moundridge
- March 26 (Saturday) – Verenike making Day, Hillsboro
- April 8 & 9 – Sale Weekend
- May 19 – Annual Meeting, Hesston Mennonite

Thank you for attending the meeting and mini auction. 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:

- A group of people that camp together selected the second week of April to gather at the Fairgrounds in their RVs. They wanted info about the Sale and what activities they are able to participate in. We will have new attendees!
- Closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb BJ Reeves
KMRS Secretary