



Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale

2011 Annual Report

A Memo from the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Board

We look back again this year with contentment and a sense of accomplishment as we complete another year for the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale.

The 2011 Ohio Relief sale was again a very successful sale. Although total sales were down slightly from last year, we were able to still see growth in various areas.

This year we tried a couple of new venues for the sale: The bungee jump and hot air balloon rides. The bungee jump was a very big hit with the younger crowd and there were lines during most of the sale. The hot air balloon rides didn't get as much attention because of the lateness in the scheduling of this event. There is a good chance that we will try both again next year.

The Relief Sale Board meets each month throughout the year. It always seems like we're working on two sales: Finalizing last year's sale and working on next year's sale. We try hard to improve each year and to learn from mistakes made. We try hard to select the best locations for the Kick-Off Dinner and Wrap-up Meeting, get the best entertainment to draw the largest crowds, and to see that all activities run smoothly. We have come to realize that the Ohio Relief Sale is in a transition. There is a change in the crowd of people who attend the sale. It is in our best interest to find what appeals to this new generation, to get them involved and to get them to support our efforts to aid Mennonite Central Committee. We are working hard to maintain continuity in our responsibilities as we have changes to our board membership each year.

The Kick-off dinner has been planned for March 31, 2012 at the Carlisle Inn in Walnut Creek. The scheduled speaker is Zenebe Abebe, Executive Director, MCC Great Lakes Region. More details will be available early next year.

It is difficult to express the appreciation we as the board have for all of those who volunteer. We appreciate the friendships and the dedication of all involved. We know that the Ohio Relief Sale would not be possible without your commitment year after year. Thank you so much for your many hours given before, during, and after the sale each year. We appreciate your helpful suggestions and comments and willingness to assist the board members when needed.

A special thanks to the board members who are leaving us this year. Your years of dedication are greatly valued. As you have worked to bless others, I hope that you will find that you received a greater blessing. To the board members who remain, keep up the good work, continue to work together cheerfully, learn from each other, and continue to imitate Jesus.

Lonita Mast
2011 Board Chair

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2010 Ohio MCC Relief Sale Wrap-up Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2010

Kidron Mennonite Church

Perry Miller welcomed everyone to the annual meeting. Power Point presentation with photos and stats was done by Lonita Mast.

Lonita Mast led in a devotional.

Minutes from the 2009 meeting were read. Roy Steiner motioned to accept the minutes, Lynn Hochstetler seconded. Motion passed.

Reports from 2010: While written reports were submitted by committees and individuals, verbal reports were presented as well.

1. Penny Power—Lynn Hochstetler reported that Penny Power has been a success because everyone can participate. He praised Pastor Ross Miller of Hartville Mennonite for pushing Penny Power. He encouraged the Sale to set a goal of \$100,000.
2. Wood Auction—Mark Steiner commented that because of the Steve Wingfield event, there were many unknowns and adjustments to make. Entry lines were moved and extra food was requested. Food stands had a great year and people work very hard. Commented on the fellowship and visiting at the dining tables. He thanked everyone for their efforts.
3. Art and Collectibles Auction—donations were down this year as was the total. 9:00 is a tough time to sell any items – breakfast starts later and people are still eating at 9:00. We have several ideas about fixing this problem.
4. Grounds/ Rental—Roy Steiner reported that the tents have lasted much longer than usual. He believes that storing them in a heated building has helped. We lost one in a storm this year. With the Steve Wingfield event, he believes that it wasn't much more work than is usual with the exception of Kidron Electric. He likes the idea of using the tent for more than one activity. Teardown help was slim on Saturday, but OK on Monday.
5. Quilt Auction—Eli Hochstetler comment that the total was down for this year, but the number of items was good. Higher priced items suffered this year due to the economy. The quality of the quilts is still good. He liked the idea of utilizing the tent for more than just the Relief Sale and stated that Wingfields' equipment was first class. The quilt lift built by Roy Steiner worked well and the carriers did not get as tired.

6. Statistics from Don Falb—We sold 860 items in all auctions. Ohio spent the most money at the auction followed in order by: West Virginia, Pennsylvania, California, Indiana, etc. Franklin County and Cuyahoga Counties ranked high in buyers and money spent (after the local counties).
7. Treasurer's Report—Reported by Perry Miller in Ervin Yoder's absence. He reviewed the expenses and receipts. Proposed that the Relief Sale send \$295,000 to MCC. Because \$5771 was previously sent to Ten Thousand Villages and \$7895 was sent for school kits, the balance should be sent in a check of \$281,334. Roy Murray motioned to approve the amount, Rich Horst seconded. Motion passed.

New Board Members were recognized: Edith Schlabach, Holmes County. Per the Sale Constitution, the three open spots must be men. Lynn Hochstetler motioned to accept the new member, Susan Hofstetter seconded. Motion passed.

Open Discussion and Suggestions

1. Roy Steiner suggested a huge Sunday evening Hymn Sing with all local churches participating.
2. Susan Hofstetter also suggested a hymn sing for the Friday program. Local churches could provide special music. Lonita Mast heard a similar comment at the Sale.
3. Eli Hochstetler suggested a Wednesday night youth rally if the tent is ready.
4. Susan Hofstetter remarked that the young ladies who helped carry quilts had a great time and would like to come back again, but work in the morning.
5. Roy suggested that we teach our young people what we do – we have to be replaceable.
6. Perry Miller asked if anyone knows what kind of grass is planted in the parking field? Rich Horst remarked that the last time the field was tilled was in 1997 or 1998 and that the grass was the same as is used at Farm Science Review.
7. Were there more people at the Sale because of Steve Wingfield? Rollin thought that on Saturday, there were less cars in the lot. Downtown Kidron was not full.
8. If there is food, people will come! We learned this year that people will keep eating if we have the food to feed them.

Reported by Beth Miller, 2010 Secretary

Advertising/Publicity/Distribution

Print advertising

Rack Cards: Our rack cards advertise general information about the Relief Sale, which can be used from year to year. Information includes the Sale being the first Saturday in August, contact information and our website. These cards were used with our paid brochure distributors on the I-77 and I-71 corridors. Extra rack cards are stored in Beth Miller's garage if anyone needs them. No extra rack cards were printed this year.

Brochures: A short run of tri-fold brochures was printed for local distribution. Dee Dee McCartney of Backroads Advertising did our brochure distribution in Holmes, Tuscarawas and parts of Wayne County. Bruce Glick also agreed to help with distribution as well. A print run of 26,000 full color brochures was printed this year.

Posters: A print run of 500 posters was printed for distribution this year. Both posters and brochures were packaged and sent to the Ohio Conference churches as well as posted at our local businesses.

Print Ads: We did not run any print ads in 2011.

Sale Catalogs: Ads were again sold in the Sale catalog to help pay for our advertising and printing costs. Thirty-nine advertisers from Wayne, Stark and Holmes counties placed ads with us this year. A print run of 1300 catalogs was ordered.

Many thanks to our print shops in Hartville and Walnut Creek who give us a discount on our printed promotional materials.

Submitted by Beth Miller

Radio Advertising

Advertising with area radio stations included Northeast Ohio Christian stations WCRF, 95.5 The Fish and WRFD. WCRF aired a 30 second ad while The Fish and WRFD aired 60 second ads two weeks prior to the sale. WKSU, a National Public Radio Station was included again highlighting the work of the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale and that money raised goes to support world relief.

In order to provide more coverage, twelve 60 second ads were aired on WHBC AM offering wide coverage of Northeast and Central Ohio. Massillon Cable TV and Clear Picture ran our ad every ½ hour for seven days prior to the sale.

Community Calendar submissions were made and broadcast on various other area radio stations.

Submitted by Dorcas Eberly

Publicity

Each year a publicity letter and brochures are sent to all the radio stations and newspapers in Ohio. This year, we again emailed all the newspaper, radio stations, and television station, both local and state wide. This year publicity letters were sent via email to over 450 radio stations and newspapers.

As in prior years, WCRF radio interviewed Laurel Horst prior to the sale. Laurel is does so well explaining the sale and the efforts of the volunteers. WCRF has been wonderful during the last number of years to promote the sale, especially during the morning commute hours. This always gives us nice publicity.

Another radio station 95.9 *The Light* also broadcast from the sale on Saturday. I was able to interview with them on Saturday morning to give an update with how the sale was going.

This year the Relief Sale was featured in *The Budget* and *The Daily Record*.

This year we started working with an email blast account. This service allows us to send email information to different lists of people (ie. Volunteers, Board Members, Mennonite Churches, and people who want to be included on our mailing list). This service allows us to send mass emails without the threat of being considered a spammer. It also was helpful in keeping mailing cost down.

Submitted by Lonita Mast

Art and Collectibles Sale

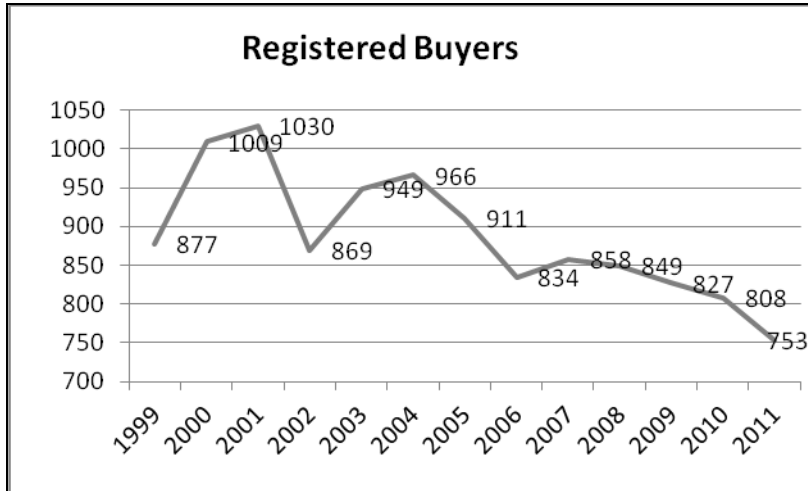
Fifty-one items were donated in 2011. Donations included original paintings, prints, photos, pottery, art glass and a turned wood bowl.

As in previous years, the art sold from 9am to 10am on Saturday. It takes a couple people to set up the display on Friday and on Sale day, a total of 5 or 6 persons are needed to move items onto the stage and pack them up for Pick-up.

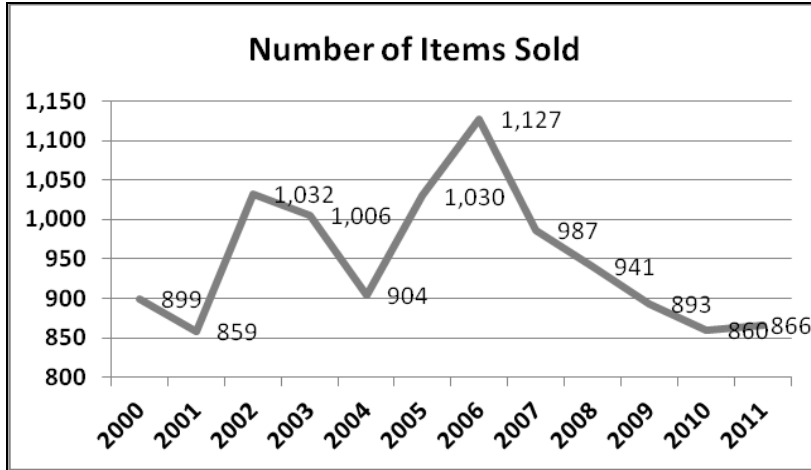
The Art Auction brought in a total of \$4,390, up from \$3,450 last year. Top selling item was a Household Nativity sculpture, which brought \$575.

Submitted by Beth Miller

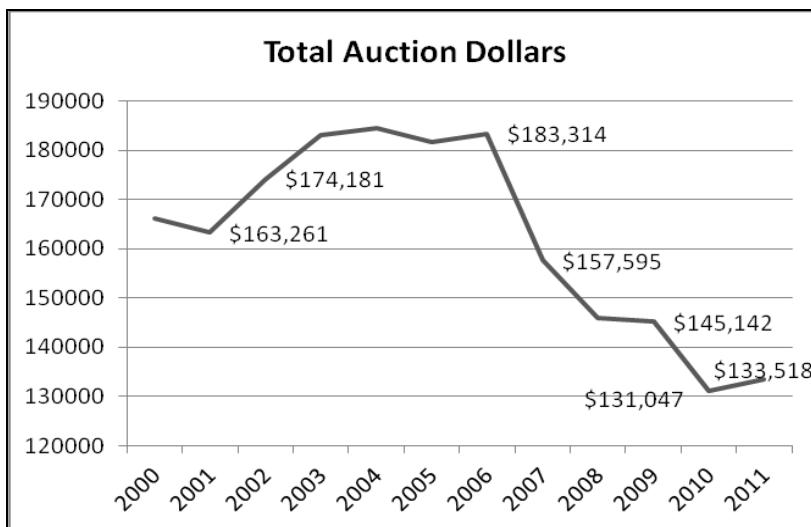
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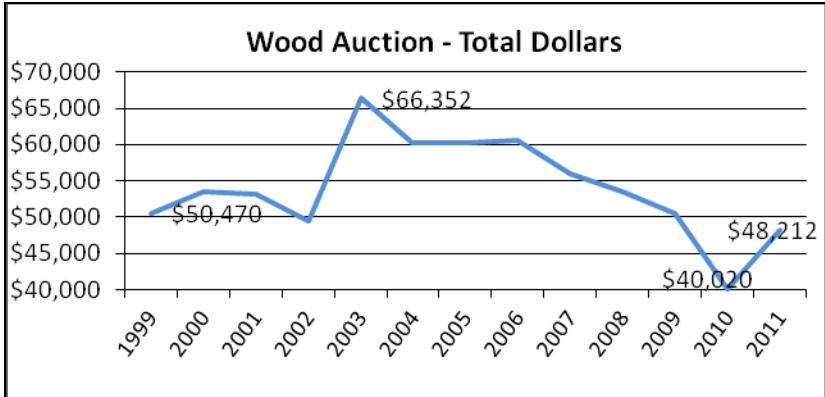


This is a thirteen year comparison of the total number of registered buyers.

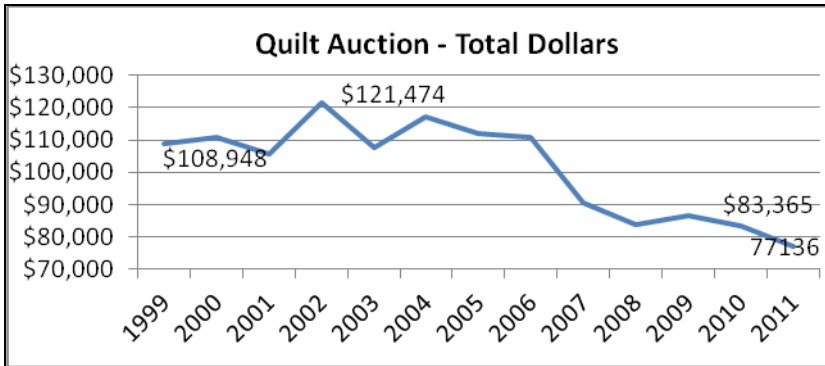
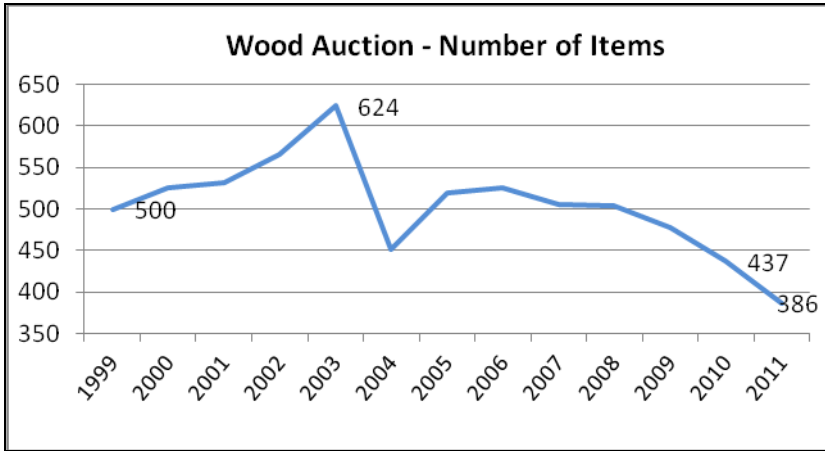


The two charts on the left are showing the total number of items sold and the total dollars raised at our Auctions. These totals include Art and Collectable, Children, Friday night, Quilt, Wood, and Silent Auction.

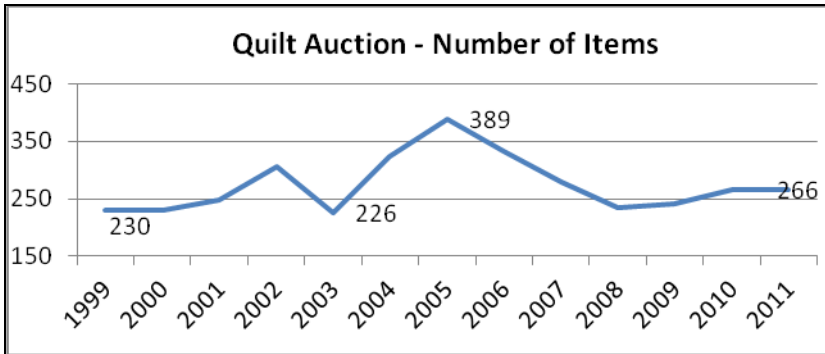


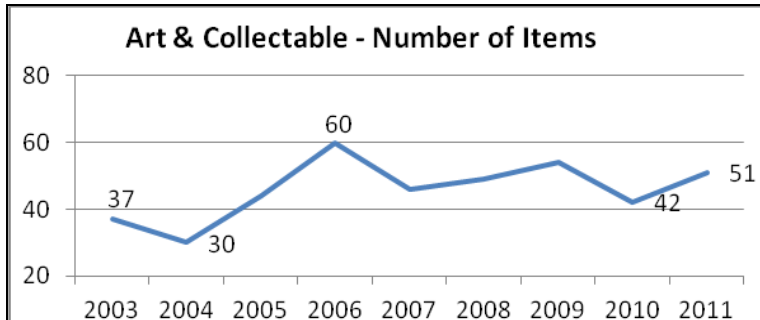
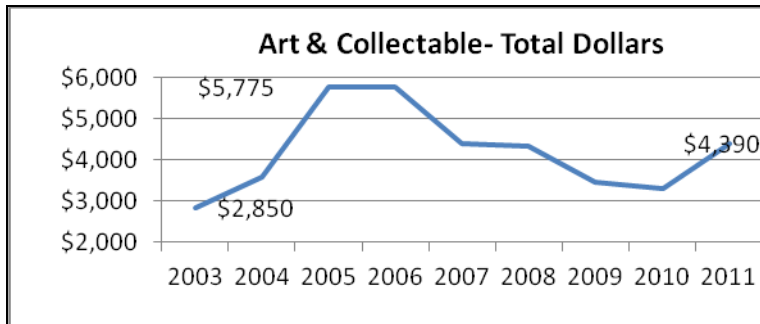


Wood Auction Summary.
 These two charts summarize the Wood Auction dollars and the number of items sold.



Quilt Auction Summary.
 These two charts summarize the Quilt Auction dollars and the number of items sold.





Art & Collectable Summary.
 These two charts summarize the Art & Collectable dollars and the number of items sold.

The following table shows the spending from top 15 Ohio counties.

County	Total dollars	Percentage of total:	Number of items purchased:
WAYNE	\$43,691.00	38.2%	198
STARK	\$14,922.50	13.0%	138
HOLMES	\$6,575.50	5.7%	36
FRANKLIN	\$5,792.50	5.1%	47
GREENE	\$4,876.00	4.3%	14
CUYAHOGA	\$4,635.00	4.0%	33
TUSCARAWAS	\$4,489.00	3.9%	23
SUMMIT	\$2,965.00	2.6%	23
LOGAN	\$2,470.00	2.2%	8
DELAWARE	\$2,405.00	2.1%	14
MEDINA	\$2,385.00	2.1%	19
RICHLAND	\$1,609.50	1.4%	24
BUTLER	\$1,500.00	1.3%	3
HAMILTON	\$1,225.00	1.1%	5
PERRY	\$1,125.00	1.0%	3
Grand Total:	\$114,513.00		588

The following table shows the spending from the top 5 states (other than Ohio)

State	Price Paid	No. of Items
WV	\$3,415.00	10
PA	\$2,347.50	19
FL	\$2,340.00	6
VA	\$2,226.00	8
NC	\$2,117.00	14
Grand Total:	\$18,010.50	119

Submitted by Don Falb

Children's Activities and Auction

The children enjoyed assembling and quickly completed 180 school supply kits. The children were able to play a part in putting together kits that will benefit other children with useful school supplies. Had there been more kits to assemble, there would have been time and childpower. Adults enjoyed watching and assisting as well.

The children's auction seemed to be well attended. Sales totaled \$697.

Submitted by Jodi Miller

Choice Books

We were so busy at the Choice Books booth that we really didn't get a chance to visit the auction part of the sale.

Over all, we felt that everything went well.

Submitted by David Hostetler

First Aid Station

This year the Orrville Industrial First Aid Bus was not available. The station was set up in a class room at the north of the high school. Medical services were provided August 5th from 4:00 pm to 9:00pm and August 6th from 8:00am to 3:00 pm. The nurses who volunteered were: Betty Mast, Margaret Miller, Julia Gerber, Jody Hershberger and Heather Hershberger. The physician volunteers were: Elton Lehman, Robert Gerber and Jim Witmer. Services were provided to eight patients. Many thanks to the fine staff of volunteers.

Submitted by E. James Witmer M.D.

Food Committee

Thank you to everyone who worked very hard and spent many hours to help with all of the food booths, both before in preparation and during the sale. As the food committee and from the Board of Directors we want to tell all of the volunteers how much we appreciate your efforts in making the food sales successful, raising over \$60,000 average during the last five years. The effort you put forth helps so many people to have a better quality life and prompts many to come to our LORD. Once again this year was a great success for all food booths. Everything went smoothly. Thank you for your responses and input; many new ideas have come from the surveys. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

2011 Food Stand Totals				
RECEIPTS	2011	2010	2009	2008
Apple Dumplings	\$2,780	\$3,035	\$2,917	\$3,345
Brown Bobbies		\$460	\$445	
Cantaloupes	\$601	\$652	\$528	\$488
Cheese-Bologna	\$1,817	\$1,212		\$1,745
Chicken Bar-B-Que	\$15,744	\$17,138	\$14,668	\$14,407
Coffee and Fry Pies	\$2,154	\$1,966	\$1,724	\$1,457
Coke Trailer	\$1,984	\$1,148	\$815	\$811
Cotton Candy	\$378	\$385	\$524	\$549
French Fries		\$1,872	\$1,751	
Fresh Fruit (Cups)	\$2,345	\$2,377	\$2,200	\$2,410
Hartzler's Ice Cream	\$2,001	\$1,776	\$1,881	
Homemade Ice Cream	\$3,611	\$3,977	\$3,526	\$3,844
Hot Dogs	\$1,513	\$2,497	\$1,338	\$0
Hot Noodles	\$234			\$196
Kettle Corn	\$145	\$336	\$346	
Laotian Egg Rolls	\$9,154	\$9,504	\$7,859	\$8,595
Lemonade	\$2,067	\$1,723	\$1,701	\$1,663
Oak Grove Mennonite	\$4,527	\$4,338	\$3,419	\$4,774
Pancake-Sausage	\$6,080	\$6,729	\$6,236	\$6,397
Pie-Ice Cream	\$1,801	\$2,004	\$1,788	\$1,621
Pizza		\$252		
Popcorn, Pop	\$628	\$596	\$404	\$0
Pop-Ice Cream				\$1,660
Produce	\$165		\$278	
Sausage (Smoked & Patties)	\$2,409	\$2,002	\$2,318	\$2,232
Sausage Sandwiches	\$1,918	\$2,201	\$3,203	\$2,431
Sweet Corn				\$479
Swiss Pantry	\$3,401	\$4,052	\$4,188	\$5,234
Tropical Sno Cones		\$761	\$412	
Total Food Receipts	\$67,467	\$72,993	\$64,469	\$64,338

Submitted by the Food Committee

Food Stand Reports:

Coffee/Iced Tea

I felt Friday evening sale were down considerably. But Saturday made up for it. My coffee sales were down but the iced tea was a BIG HIT! I'm sure the weather had a lot to do with it! I was pleased with the overall total.

Submitted by Betty Miller

French Fries

Seemed much slower than last year. Considering the heat, I though it went well. It did seem there were less people attending.

Submitted by Linda Jaquet

Fresh Mixed Fruit

This year Eugene and Ruth Miller were in charge of our stand. They felt that everything went well. We had enough fruit. Friday evening was slower but overall we sold what we had in previous years.

Submitted by Karen Schlabach

Hot Dogs/Trail Bologna and Cheese

We served hot dogs, check sandwiches, chips and drinks to all the help at noon on Friday, an estimated 60-70 people. Sales were down and we only sold 600 hot dogs compared with 700 last year. But we also started making cold trail bologna sandwiches because we had so many requests and sold 50-60 of them. Next year, we may consider selling diced cheese and bologna snack pack as we had requests for those too.

Next year we plan to not sell sloppy joes and will plan on selling trail bologna and cheese sandwiches.

Submitted by Gayle and Don Yoder

Again this year sales were slow for the trail bologna and cheese. Similar to last year, we distributed the leftovers to the different churches to sell by donation. Donations went very well.

Submitted by Lonita Mast

Ice Cream

We thought everything went very well at the auction, very good help, good location, friendly people to work and plan with.

Submitted by Henry and Verna Burkholder

Laotian Egg Rolls

We thought the egg roll sale went very well. We are having more repeat volunteers, so they know better what to expect and are better prepared. We were very busy both Friday evening and Saturday. We were sold out by 1:30 or 2:00 on Saturday.

Submitted by Joe and Ruby Schrock

Pancakes

Served 1045. Sale went real well, a bit down in numbers.

Submitted by Norma and Mona Rohrer

Pie and Ice Cream

This year we purchased 135 pies made by 4 pie bakers in home-approved kitchens. We cut each pie in six pieces and also sold brownies with ice cream. Since we sold fewer pies Friday evening, Saturday we put a sign up saying we would sell whole pies for \$10.00 each with someone supplementing \$2.00 per pie to make the \$12.00 we make on each pie. At last we offered our pies for donation only and had six whole pies left, plus 36 individual pieces we left for the clean-up people. Two SS classes at Kidron Mennonite donated the money for purchasing the pies.

Submitted by Clint and Helen Hofstetter

Supplies

We felt that we had wonderful people to work with. We are continually learning of little ways to be of better service.

Submitted by Don and Ruth Lehman

Friday Evening Program

This year's Friday evening program began with Zenebe Abebe, the Executive Director of MCC, Great Lakes. He expressed his thanks for all the work and cooperation that goes into a relief sale. He said our efforts are sent around the world in the form of relief, water, food, school kits, and a number of other programs. The evening was then

turned over to our guest emcee, John Schmid. John is always a crowd favorite. He sang a couple of songs to get the crowd moving to the seats. The evening's entertainment featured Cantore, an a cappella men's group from Harrisonburg Virginia. They were very well received. The crowd was a nice size and they stayed for the full program. At intermission there was a mini-auction and donations for school kits. Thanks to John Schmid and Steve Chupp for a fun evening.

Submitted by Lonita Mast

Live Auction

The live auction took place during the intermission of the evening program. There were 12 items that sold, including two pair John Schmid's jeans and a beautiful cornhole game. The live auction brought in \$1,400. There was also an auction to raise funds for school kits.

Submitted by Lonita Mast

Silent Auction

Our Friday evening Silent auction created interest with 75 items being donated. The wide variety of items included a marble roller, mini fairy garden, spa baskets, an Italian theme basket, chocolate basket, a copy of the Ausbund, an old child's ironing board w/iron, a small bench with plant, More With Less cookbook as well as homemade caramel corn and O'Henry bars.

Sherm and Lavonne Amstutz and Nelson and Dorcas Eberly set up the tables and arranged the items for bidding which began at 4 pm. Harriet Sommers and Edith Schlabach also offered assistance during the bidding process. The first table was closed at 4:30 pm with tables closing in order each half hour until 6:30 pm. The item having the highest bid was a Royal Doulton China Tea Cup and Saucer set which brought in \$160.00. Winning bidders paid at the cashier's window and picked up the item at the quilt pickup window.

Total sales came to \$1,683 which was an increase of \$429 over 2010's Friday evening silent auction.

Submitted by Dorcas Eberly

Information Stand

One of the highlights of working in the information booth is all of the people you get to meet and talk with. We also had wheelchairs for people to use for those who needed them, which were greatly appreciated.

The basic questions people ask are these:

Where do I get a number?
Where is the auction?
Where do I pay?
Where is the food?
Where can I get change?
Who can help me with the penny power jugs?

Submitted by Lynn Hochstetler

Needlework and Crafts

It is always amazing how many willing, talented hands come together in a combined effort to make the craft and needlework area a success. Whether it is the skilled craftsman working the big loom at MCC with a bang, bang, bang weaving together rag jean rugs, or my dear 80 year old aunt embroidering a set of pillowcases, or a local artist bringing together ribbon and pop can tabs to make colorful bracelets, or the many kind people willing to work hours under the hot tent smiling and encouraging sales it is all so appreciated and needed as we come together in a combined effort to make a difference.

The end result is tables and racks laden with pillows, kitchen items, toys, jewelry, knitted dresses and sweaters, afghans, beautiful comforters, plus much more ready for anxious buyers to purchase. Many people appreciate being able to purchase ready priced items and not having to wait for an item to be auctioned.

We are always in need of more and varied items. Plus this year we noticed that the higher priced items, like the comforters and jean rugs did not sell as well as in the past.

Our total this year for the sale was \$6,484.75. Thank you for all the support.

Submitted by Gloria Miller

MCC Information Table

The MCC information table and displays is ideally located on end wall of the Gerber building. It is very visible making good use of the 30 foot wall for posters and displays. Having few chairs available invites people to sit and engage with MCC staff.

This year the new executive director, Zenebe Abebe was present to offer greetings at the opening events. He was very pleased to see how the sale participants were engaged with each other and with the auction. Zenebe was surprised to see so many former acquaintances milling around during the auction.

From my vantage point the Sale seem to go smoothly illustrating good communications among board members and the hundreds of volunteers.

It is a privilege to be part of this auction where sale participants both donors and buyers can be part of relief, development and peace making throughout the world.

Submitted by Marlin Yoder, regional associate for MCC Great Lakes

Parking and Traffic Control

We had a large number of cars to park for the 5K ☺. Counting them we filled the center and west section of the field. Part of the east section was used for the hot-air balloon.

Submitted by Roland Geiser

Penny Power

I would like to thank the 29 churches who contributed to 2011 Penny Power and to the individuals who anonymously gave because they wanted to help MCC's Water Projects.

The total amount recorded for 2011 is \$73,499.38.

The twenty volunteers, who helped sort, get money out of the water jugs, and count the coins and bills were a great help. Of the volunteers, two families helped because they wanted their teen aged children to learn service.

Submitted by Ron Martin

2011 Penny Power Totals	
Church	Totals
1 st Mennonite - Sugarcreek	\$313.96
1 st Mennonite – Canton	\$1,001.98
1 st Mennonite – Wadsworth	\$397.01
Beech Mennonite – Louisville	\$1,338.24
Berlin Mennonite	\$212.27
Chestnut Ridge – Orrville	\$674.90
Cornerstone Mennonite – Hartville	\$940.90
Crown Hill Mennonite	\$75.09
Day Spring Christian Fellowship	\$217.38
Fair Point	\$230.69
Hartville Mennonite	\$7,074.00
Kidron Mennonite	\$1,002.93
Leetonia Mennonite	\$1,892.04
Longenecker Mennonite	\$1,054.97
Maple Grove Mennonite	\$21,045.70
Martins Creek Mennonite	\$714.97
Martins Mennonite	\$926.80
MCC Connections	\$176.25
Midway Church – Columbiana	\$486.78
Moorehead Mennonite	\$487.33
North Lima Mennonite	\$258.71
Oak Grove Mennonite	\$1,223.92
Orrville Mennonite	\$356.65
Pleasant View – North Lawrence	\$744.14
Salem of Wooster	\$412.96
Sine Nomine United Churches	\$331.69
Smithville Mennonite	\$1,507.59
Sonnenburg Mennonite	\$1,097.88
Unlabeled Jug Two	\$124.89
Walnut Creek Mennonite	\$25,745.00
Wishing Well	\$268.29
Wooster Mennonite	\$1,163.47
Total Penny Power	\$73,499.38

Plants

Thanks to all who donated plants for the plant stand. Perennials and herbs were popular again this year. We received a large number of daffodil bulbs which was great

and they sold well. There were quite a few cacti also and they always sell well. There were three volunteers who set up the stand on the Thursday before the Sale and priced the plants. More donations came in on Friday and Saturday. Five volunteers worked on Friday. Five volunteers worked to sell plants on Saturday with an additional two joining in to clean up. Left over house plants were taken to MCC Connections store in Kidron.

Submitted by Barb Miller

Quilt Auction

There were 205 large & small quilts, wall hangings and comforters sold in the auction tent. The large quilts averaged \$539 with the highest selling quilt going for \$2500. The highest bid for wall hangings and small quilts was \$600 and they averaged \$170. Each item was special and represented many, many stitches and hours of designing, piecing and quilting. We continue to encourage you to keep up the good work. Thank you for keeping the mission of MCC in your hearts and minds in helping relieve the pain and suffering of people in need around the world.

Submitted by Corrine Helmuth

Quilter's Corner

Quilter's Corner had another successful year. We sold \$7,259.00 this year. In the eight years of Quilter's Corner existence, we have brought in over \$49,700.00 for the work of MCC!

Thanks to all the persons who have donated and helped with this project. It's always interesting to see what all comes in for the Quilter's Corner & the buyers who come to the Sale. We see familiar faces each year and enjoy making new friends with first-time buyers.

Thanks to all the ladies who have helped to make this such a successful endeavor. To all the ladies from Hartville who came and helped three days and all the ladies from our church who came to help, thanks for your willingness to help with the sorting, cutting, packaging, and pricing of the items to sell. We greatly appreciate all the hours you volunteer to help with Quilter's Corner. Our thanks, also, to those who volunteered their help at the stand on Friday and Saturday.

We are already receiving donations for the 2012 sale and look forward to another very busy year.

Submitted by Ruth Steiner and Laurel Horst

Registration

Registration and check-out went well again this year. We registered buyer numbers on Friday evening and Saturday morning in our room in the school building, and also had registration set up on Saturday morning in the tent. We registered 866 buyers this year.

Previous buyers names and addresses were already in the computer, and we added many new buyers as well. In the afternoon our responsibilities changed to being cashiers, checking out buyers and accepting payment from those who have purchased items. Twelve faithful volunteers helped with the registration process. In addition six persons helped clerk both the quilt and wood auctions, entering buyer number and the price sold for each piece that was auctioned. I am extremely grateful to the number of regular volunteers who are always so willing to help each year with the registration and check-out process. Thanks to Don Falb, for his patience and willingness to answer all the questions that arise as we do our work.

Submitted by Ellen Nussbaum

Run for Relief

2011 was another fun year for the Run for Relief with 284 runners and walkers. The weather was very warm and humid, but that didn't deter the participants. The winning time was 16:45 by Kevin Beachy. The ages ranged from 6 to 80 years old.

Submitted by Lonita Mast

School Kits

We process more school kits than any other kind. Last year we did over 16,000 school kits. This year it will be some less because the supplies are harder to purchase at a low price and also hard to get the quantity that we need. We will still do more than any other kit.

We hear stories like: Many times the kits are shared. The kits have four notebooks and pencils so many are given to 4 students. One school keeps the colored pencils to use only on Fridays. A local person visited a site in Jordan where the lead pencils were cut in half so that eight students had use of them. The pencils are also used to a much shorter size than we would think possible.

We have so much, and access to whatever we want, that it is hard to realize how much something like a school kit means to a student that is struggling to obtain an education.

The value of having the items to use is much greater than we can realize. The \$5,913.50 raised at this year's sale will be a blessing to thousands!

Submitted by Bill Ressler

Security

We can thank and praise God for another safe and great relief sale. I am pleased to report that there were no security issues throughout the relief sale weekend. As in past years we had people on site both Thursday and Friday nights in case any emergency should arise. The Wayne County Sherriff's Reserve did their usual excellent job of providing security all day Saturday.

Working together and looking out for each other by everyone involved in the sale is a great asset in providing security.

Submitted by John Yoder

Sound System

The sound system for the Friday evening program was provided by the singing group *Cantore*. The sound system for Saturday was again provided with the help of Conrad Neuenschwander and Wayne Weaver.

Submitted by Lonita Mast

Tables and Chairs

We set up approximately 214 tables and 1020 chairs provided as follows:

1. The Rainbow of Hope trailer provided 400 chairs and 60 tables.
2. The 2 MCC Relief Sale fundraising trailers provided 100 tables and 620 chairs.
3. CCHS provided 14 tables for the wood auction
4. Ervin Yoder, who supplied the 2 portable kitchens also provided 40 tables

A big thank you to all who helped set up and take down the chairs and tables.

Submitted by John Hershberger

Tents and Grounds

2011 Relief Sale had enough rain to dampen the dust but not the spirit. How grateful we are. We followed the routine of laying out and beginning the process on Tuesday eve. Tom from General Rent-all used a skidder to pound all stakes into the ground. A few energetic people showed up to layout, push/pull, and lace a good bit of the tarps together. Wednesday we completely cleaned out the Gerber building, washed the walls, floors, etc as well as finished preparing all tents for erection. When an adequate number of people showed up about 4 o'clock, all was raised and fastened as appropriate. This year we stalled off putting chairs and tables in till after the meal which gave the KE crew a bit more time to get most lighting in place. KE tried a new lighting this year to light up the quilts. Also the "cross" display was again used to show the

quilts being auctioned off. In following the pattern we have established in recent years, anything not used (2 years in a row) is disposed of so the old bed frame stand has been dismantled and disposed of.

Due to some rain at 5 PM after the relief sale, we waited to take all tents down until Sunday at 4 pm. All went well and as we pulled out the drive at about 7 or 8 PM, a few sprinkles hit the windshield.

The chair and table trailers do a great job and are used many weekends for various functions in the community. We have gained back all lost tables and have a total of 110. We had 601 chairs and still have most of them, perhaps all of them. The tents also are rented out quite often during the summer months and are nearing the end of their life span. There are a total of 18 tarps, 2 of them are 20 x 40 tents, 8 of them can be laced together to make 4 tents, 40 x 40 each and the remaining 8 tarps are 20 foot stretch sections that can be laced into the 40 x 40s to stretch them in any combination of 20 foot increments. All money given for using Relief Sale items increases the funds that are sent to MCC.

Submitted by Roy Steiner

This We Believe

The "This We Believe" booth is an opportunity for us to share our faith in Jesus and to help keep us focused on the true motivation behind the Mennonite Relief Sale. We had ten pastors and one lay person serve at the booth over the two days. They had many opportunities to answer questions about faith, share about Jesus, and offer prayer support. We also have various pieces of material for people to look at and to take as a resource. The prayer requests continue to be a big part of our ministry. We had thirteen written and many oral prayer requests. People are dealing with a lot of issues as they had us pray for jobs, healing from addictions, mending of relationships, salvation for family members and so on. We praise God for another great two days at the "This We Believe" booth.

Submitted by Ross Miller, Pastor

Transportation – Tractors and Wagons

Transportation again was a success. People continue to hop on the wagons and trolleys just to have a ride. I have received comments that the wagon rides are one of the reasons they come every year. It is getting harder and harder to find equipment and drivers. But hopefully, we can continue in the same manner as we have in past. The number of cars were down from previous years especially downtown. At 10:00 when the parking lot is getting full at the auction barn, there were only 51 cars. The field was low as well, but as the day went on, it was a continual flow and eventually filled up later in the day. Because of being slow flow, we only ran a total of 8 tractors for most of the day. 4 downtown and 4 in the field. Usually we run 14 total.

A huge thanks to all the volunteers and donators of equipment.

Tractor Dealerships donating a tractor.

- Maibaugh Tractor – New Massy Ferguson
- Sterlin Farm – Good Used Case/IH
- Lowe & Young – Good Used Ford
- Mast Tractor Sales – New John Deere – Also furnished the tractor with a driver for both Friday and Saturday.
- Mast Lepley – Golf Cart

Plus a lot of farmers and friends donated the use of their equipment.

Submitted by Dan Swartz

Treasurer's Report

See next page.

OHIO MENNONITE RELIEF SALE

2011 Treasurer's Report
11/1/10 through 9/31/11

	2011	2010	2009	2008
Beginning Balance				
WCNB Savings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mennonite Financial	\$12,058	\$15,729	\$13,834	\$15,963
Total Beginning Balance	\$12,058	\$15,729	\$13,834	\$15,963
Receipts				
Total Receipts	\$345,612	\$342,685	\$338,868	\$332,340
Disbursements				
Sent to MCC				
From Sale	\$274,165	\$281,334	\$272,832	\$271,183
School Kits	\$5,914	\$7,895	\$7,485	\$8,716
Ten Thousand Villages	\$4,921	\$5,771	\$4,683	\$5,101
Pocket Power Match (to MCC)				
MCC - Houses Against Hunger				
Total Sent to MCC	\$285,000	\$295,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
Expenses (shown below)	\$46,293	\$51,533	\$51,973	\$49,470
Total Disbursements	\$331,293	\$346,533	\$336,973	\$334,470
Summary				
Beginning Balance (Above)	\$12,058	\$15,729	\$13,834	\$15,963
R N Mem Fund Ref 07,08		\$177		
Total Receipts (Above)	\$345,612	\$342,685	\$338,868	\$332,340
Total Disbursements (Above)	-\$331,293	-\$346,533	-\$336,973	-\$334,470
Net	\$26,377	\$12,058	\$15,729	\$13,833
Ending Cash Balance				
Killbuck Savings Bank	\$100	\$116	\$67	
Mennonite Financial	\$26,277	\$11,942	\$15,662	\$13,834
Total Ending Cash	\$26,377	\$12,058	\$15,729	\$13,834

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EXPENSES	2011	2010	2009	2008
Auction Catalogs	\$2,658	\$2,782	\$2,511	
Advertising	\$9,455	\$6,875	\$5,808	\$6,514
Cheese & Bologna		\$867		
Chicken BBQ	\$380		\$49	
Children's Carnival				\$491
Cook Trailer Rental	\$800	\$421	\$425	
Cooler Rentals	\$400			
Corn Hole Gift Cards	\$35		\$40	
Friday Evening Program	\$350			
Fry Pies		\$750	\$563	\$563
Grounds Rental		\$4,713	\$2,780	\$3,860
Homemade Ice Cream			\$42	\$30
Insurance	\$3,343	\$3,347	\$3,347	\$3,374
Kickoff Dinner Expense	\$1,739	\$1,486	\$1,971	\$2,013
Licenses				\$458
Maple Syrup		\$173		
Miscellaneous	\$594	\$566	\$381	\$1,044
Other Food	\$489	\$1,254	\$855	\$1,030
Pancakes			\$68	\$212
Permanent Improvements			\$4,221	\$2,209
Pies & Boxes			\$668	
Pocket Power Expense				\$82
Pop	\$1,896	\$1,824	\$1,540	\$2,260
Post Office Box & Permit	\$246		\$35	\$175
Printing, Promotion & Internet	\$303	\$3,443	\$2,427	\$6,269
Quilt Bags	\$1,429			
Quilt Top			-\$59	-\$69
Rpairs P U			\$180	
Rentals - Misc	\$250	\$600	\$1,090	\$1,090
Run for Relief	\$2,646	\$2,672	\$2,071	\$2,405
Sanitary Services	\$572	\$521	\$508	\$482
Sheriff & Auctioneer Meals	\$200		\$200	\$200
Sign Boards	\$225			
Supplies	\$2,204	\$2,922	\$1,904	\$3,009
Tent Expenses	\$800	\$1,500	\$78	\$445
Tent Rental	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$2,325
Transportation Expense			\$119	
Ventrac or Steiner Tractor	\$7,210	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
VISA, M/C & Discover Fees	\$2,069	\$1,603	\$1,756	\$1,599
Web Site			\$3,395	\$260
Total Expenses - Sale	\$46,293	\$51,319	\$51,973	\$49,328
Houses Against Hunger		\$214		\$142
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$46,293	\$51,533	\$51,973	\$49,470

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RECEIPTS	2011	2010	2009	2008
Apple Dumplings	\$2,780	\$3,035	\$2,917	\$3,345
Auction - Children's	\$697	\$423	\$570	\$858
Auctions - Friday Night	\$3,083	\$3,929	\$3,924	\$3,358
Auction - Fine Art	\$4,390	\$3,310	\$3,450	\$4,328
Auction - Quilt Tent	\$77,069	\$83,591	\$86,686	\$83,870
Auction - Wood	\$48,212	\$40,020	\$50,418	\$53,429
Blood Pressure			\$10	
Bungee Jump	\$1,700			
Book Advertising	\$7,450	\$5,350	\$6,350	\$7,300
Brown Bobbies		\$460	\$445	
Camping	\$27	\$42	\$96	\$74
Cantaloupes	\$601	\$652	\$528	\$488
Cheese-Bologna	\$1,819	\$1,212		\$1,745
Chicken Bar-B-Que	\$15,744	\$17,138	\$14,668	\$14,407
Children's Activities	\$124	\$408	\$314	\$384
Choice Books	\$3,184	\$2,760	\$2,788	\$3,112
Coffee & Fry Pies	\$2,154	\$1,966	\$1,724	\$1,457
Coke Trailer	\$1,984	\$1,148	\$815	\$811
Cole Slaw				\$0
Corn Hole Registration	\$229	\$343	\$267	
Cotton Candy	\$378	\$385	\$524	\$549
Donations - Miscellaneous	\$2,849	\$3,137	\$4,603	\$2,224
French Fries		\$1,872	\$1,751	
Fresh Fruit (Cups)	\$2,345	\$2,377	\$2,200	\$2,410
Furniture Blankets		\$60		
Hartzler's Ice Cream	\$2,001	\$1,776	\$1,881	
Homemade Ice Cream	\$3,611	\$3,977	\$3,526	\$3,844
Hot Air Balloon	\$276			
Hot Dogs	\$1,513	\$2,497	\$1,338	\$0
Hot Noodles	\$284			\$196
Kettle Corn	\$146	\$336	\$346	
Laotian Egg Rolls	\$9,154	\$9,504	\$7,859	\$8,595
Lemonade	\$2,067	\$1,723	\$1,701	\$1,663
Misc Auction	\$234			
Needlework	\$6,485	\$7,006	\$6,424	\$5,991
Oak Grove Mennonite	\$4,527	\$4,338	\$3,419	\$4,774
Offering - Friday Eve				\$400
Organ Music			\$104	
Pancake-Sausage	\$6,080	\$6,729	\$6,236	\$6,397
Pie-Ice Cream	\$1,801	\$2,004	\$1,788	\$1,621
Pizza		\$252		
Plants	\$1,678	\$1,944	\$1,834	\$1,944
Penny Power	\$73,499	\$78,019	\$65,188	\$62,101

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RECEIPTS (con't)	2011	2010	2009	2008
Penny Power Outside Match				\$0
Popcorn, Pop	\$628	\$596	\$404	\$0
Pop-Ice Cream				\$1,660
Produce	\$165		\$278	
Quilters' Corner	\$7,388	\$7,592	\$7,208	\$5,849
Run for Relief	\$6,390	\$6,112	\$7,011	\$4,232
Sausage (Smoked & Patties)	\$2,409	\$2,002	\$2,318	\$2,232
Sausage Sandwiches	\$1,918	\$2,201	\$3,203	\$2,431
Sweet Corn				\$479
Swiss Pantry	\$3,401	\$4,052	\$4,188	\$5,234
Tropical Sno Cones		\$761	\$412	
Ten Thousand Villages	\$4,921	\$4,813	\$4,683	\$5,370
Train Rides	\$387	\$536	\$443	\$577
Used Books	\$2,334	\$2,359	\$2,564	\$2,829
Volleyball	\$1,050			
Wagon Rides	\$402	\$397	\$273	\$277
Wood Engraving			\$260	
Disposal of Equipment				
Interest-Dividends	\$161	\$384	\$917	\$2,052
Kickoff Dinner Auctions	\$1,835	\$970		
Kickoff Dinner Offering	\$2,584	\$2,555	\$2,930	\$2,233
Ron Niswander Memorial Fund				\$100
Table/Chair Rental	\$8,179	\$8,749	\$9,638	\$4,991
Tent Fund Income	\$10,635	\$4,633	\$5,196	\$9,820
Trolley Rental	\$650	\$250		\$100
Vendors at Kidron Auction			\$250	\$200
Total Receipts Without HAH	\$345,612	\$342,685	\$338,868	\$332,340
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$345,612	\$342,685	\$338,868	\$332,340

Submitted by Ervin Yoder
Relief Sale Treasurer

Website

There were very few programming changes made to this year's website. The website is easy to edit and format. The website was busy this year with many people using the Website Contact email contact form to contact us. Nearly 100 people registered online for the Run for Relief and the Cornhole Tournament.

This year we saw increase in the number of OMRS Facebook fans. Our Facebook page allows us to quickly and easily send information regarding the sale to all who become "fans" of Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale. It also gives people a chance to send comments to us. There were a number of comments received after the sale giving us feedback.

Submitted by Lonita Mast

Wood Auction

Saturday was a very warm and beautiful day weather wise to hold our 46th annual relief sale, which brought out a good crowd of buyers. The wood auction sold over 373 items on Saturday plus donations for school kits for a total of \$48,212.00 up approximately \$8,000.00 from last year's auction.

We had over 106 businesses donate items to our auction, and 26 individuals made, purchased and donated items to be auctioned. Some businesses and individuals donated one item and others donated many items to auction. We are so very grateful to everyone who donated and purchased items at the wood auction.

Thanks to all who helped in any way with the wood auction. Thanks for the many hours that you put in volunteering and helping with the wood items. A special thanks to Curt and Gloria Nussbaum for all the hours they spent the last week of June picking up the wood items from the businesses and getting them to Central to be checked in and cataloged for the sale. Also thanks to Alvin Horst for the use of his box truck to pick up the wood items. A thank you to the Eberly Family and the Miller family for helping move the items to the gym to put on display for the wood auction. Also thanks to Gordon Amstutz, and Chuck Eberly for helping sequence the items for the booklet.

Thanks also to the auctioneers, ring men, clerks, and cashiers for your hard work in making this a successful Auction.

Submitted by Rich and Laurel Horst

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