Rockford	Stake Self-Reliance Committee Meeting
Website.	http://rockfordstake.selfrelianceclub.com

MINUTES

8/13/23, 4:00pm

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Agenda Items	626 6799 Meeting ID: 951 9809 6569 Passcode: 404713 New Link April 2023 till 10/26/25  Discussion			
1-Opening Prayer/ Spiritual Thought: Bishop Griffis Next: Sr. Holder	Elder Eyring "Rise to your call", Preach My Gospel, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition: Praise the offering of all who magnify what they are given. Your power will be multiplied many times by the Lord, giving your best effort and your whole heart, through service and sacrifice.			
2-Training: Sr. Holder Next:	Handbook: teaching principles of self-reliance. Sometimes we have to teach how. All things are spiritual to Heavenly Father. As we strengthen our faith, we can become more self-reliant. We need to learn how to teach how to be self-reliant.			
3-Announcements Leland Howlett	Reviewed training for Bi/Br Pr, EQ and RS Presidents; Handbook 22.4, 22.5 and 22.6 focus. In person meeting might be the best way to provide training with enhanced multiway interaction with all participants. If all presidents cannot attend; each has two counselors, one of which can attend and represent the presidents.  [] will talk to Pr. Howlett to see how and when to gather such a meeting. Early Oct is next bishopric training meeting. Stake Welfare and Self-Reliance Specialists are able and willing to provide training in large setting or individual unit council meetings.			
4-Old/Addl Business Michael Goodwin	Standing Item: End of life planning stake meeting. Recent personal experiences with end of life needs. Review of minutes from previous meeting. Minutes resent to Sr. Lee and Sr. Holder. Update on Welfare resource links from web site. Please review new additions. Senior Service section will be added to the web page. [MG assignment]. One for the Money Booklet, now available in Spanish and Swahili languages on the web page. MG working on NA Central Prep guide into Spanish and Swahili.			
<b>5-Report: Bishops</b> Ted Griffis, Bishop	Refresher on resources would be best. Salvation Army benefit available once a year, household and clothing items available Can also provide resources regarding employment. Bishop will fwd these documents. (Note: now posted on the web.)			
	Point of council: Need to be careful with how contact info is being shared. Requested prayers for bishops to be diligent in use of confidential information. Sometimes we need to be reminded of the important information we have available and to use it with prudence.  [ ] Perhaps a yearly wake up call to all leaders regarding the sensitive information we have at our fingertips and a reminder of the obligation that we have to safeguard it.			
6-Report: RS Balbina Holder	R4 is interested in SR courses and will contact Sr. Lee.			
Daivilla Muluel	Report on Swahili Manuals from Church Headquarters. Nothing for the Self-Reliance manuals, but has scriptures, hymns, come follow me, preach my gospel. Gospel Principles manual in Swahili is in question. English preach my gospel won't be available at least until October.			
	One for the Money and July Newsletter Addendum (tomato canning procedures) available in Spanish and Swahili on-line now. Sr. Lee will verify the Swahili version and Sr. Holder will verify the Spanish version for accuracy.			
	Canning session with the Spanish units may be scheduled for last week of September. Sr. Holder will check with units [ ]. Perhaps a train the trainer format may be the best way to proceed on this.			

	English Connect 1 and 2 from Pathways need to be coordinated in our area.  A missionary may be called to handle this process in the Rockford Stake. [MG will verify with the Stake]  Some Swahili members don't read the language but can speak it.  Perhaps teaching them to speak and read English as opposed to teaching them to read Swahili then teaching them to read English might be the better approach. They need to be committed to learning English for any of these approaches to work. Pr. McConkie has been in talks to have YMCA to have an English ESL class on Monday and Thursday.
	Still in the works.
7-Report: HC/EQ	No one available
8-Report: ARP and SFS Program Debra Goodwin	Often will have new participants and anyone can attend from far away. Some people participate sporadically so we don't know who will show up. One of the most beneficial parts of the meetings are when participants share their own testimony like comments to the rest of the group. The spirit is very strong in these settings and it becomes a very sacred portion of the meeting.
9-SR Initiative Pgm Gail Lee	Report on August Class Startup progress. Starting Aug 27 ??? Perhaps Sycamore and DeKalb can do a Personal Finance class; working on encouraging this class. Perhaps ministering siblings on both sides, can be appropriate supporting companions for members. Starting you own business might be an appropriate class for the Single Adults to focus on. More information coming from Bishop McDonald in Freeport. [ ] Sr. Lee can be a great resource as she has started her own business. Belvidere may have a candidate for this class. Another class is Getting a better Job and might be appropriate to hold soon.
10- Links, Etc.	Free online document translator: (Powered by Google Translate, learned about this after our meeting.) https://www.onlinedoctranslator.com/en/translate-swahili-to-english_sw_en https://www.splitapdf.com/en/ [ ] MG needs to verify.  New addition, not mentioned in our meeting. Self-Reliance: A Practical and Informal Discussion of Methods of Teaching Self-Reliance, Initiative and Responsibility to Modern Children By: Dorothy Canfield Fisher (1915) 288 Pages. http://tinyurl.com/leopold-selfrelianceprac00fishuoft
Closing Prayer: Br. Go	

Next meeting: Sr. Goodwin

9/10/23 4:00 PM

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