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Agenda Items	Discussion
1-Opening Prayer/ Spiritual Thought: Sr. Goodwin Next: Sr. Holder	Helaman 10:14, Keep the Lords will and commandments. People not interested in welfare and self-reliance, requires too much effort. People wanting to take the easy way out.
2-Training: Br. Goodwin Next: Sr. Lee	<p>Points to Ponder: What should we do and how can we fulfill our responsibilities in this committee?</p> <p>11 - Strengthening the Welfare Work of Church Councils</p> <p>2. Though the specific responsibilities of these committees and councils vary, they all have essentially the same purposes with regard to welfare work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify spiritual and temporal welfare needs, including self-reliance needs.• Instruct leaders and members in welfare duties.• Coordinate efforts to help the needy.• Administer resources.• <u>Plan welfare events and activities.</u>• <u>Prepare for emergencies.</u>• <u>Evaluate the effectiveness of welfare events, activities, and operations.</u> <p>3. <u>Committees and councils are key sources of teaching and inspiration.</u> (How can we encourage this?) https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/shared/content/english/pdf/welfare/122546-instructional-resources-for-welfare-trainers.pdf</p> <p>Bumble Bee taught me a lesson. Leave tomato blossoms on plants even though they will never mature into fruit. The pollen is a necessary food element for survival.</p> <p>Suggestion from Sr. Lee: 1/4 ly mtg with unit welfare and self-reliance specialists especially concerning classes, preparedness fairs, etc?</p> <p><u>Letter of Introduction to Unit Welfare and Self-Reliance Specialists</u> sent out. See Email. Planning a Zoom Training meeting in January after the rush of Back to School and the holidays. All leaders/ unit councils could be invited, etc.</p> <p>Unit Welfare and Self-Reliance Specialists and other interested parties: Mark and Jeana Hobbs - Beloit Marc and Beverly Jones - Sycamore (released?, New patriarch) James Sexton - Beloit Wendy Skildum - Beloit Beth Stewart - DeKalb Don Burlingham - Freeport Rich Duede - Freeport Judy Sanders - Freeport Ken Roby - Rockford 1 Sandra Slifer - Rockford 1 Randy Bukas - Freeport (Interested Party) Cc'd: stake presidency, high councilors, bishops/branch presidents, EQ and RS presidents.</p> <p>Stake-wide preparedness fair possibility? Involved community, fire department, red cross, etc.</p>

	<p>http://rockfordstake.selfrelianceclub.com/2011%20Rkfd%20Stake%20Prep%20Fair%20Flyer.pdf</p> <p>Possibly have each ward responsible for one item. Possibly Jennifer Simms might be willing to spearhead one, Sr. Lee will see if she is interested.</p> <p>How to drum up the interest in, even smaller unit level activities. Possibly building by building events. Member resources are already stretched and might be difficult to do. Scope, scale and demand on members might be too much. Bi. Griffis did water at the lg past event. How to know the skill sets of our members? Sterling and Byron might struggle with manpower to do an event.</p> <p>Possibly pick out some key people in the stake and have a traveling “dog and pony show” to visit buildings, a couple of hours on a Saturday, inviting members, non-members, community leaders and contacts. Requires people giving up a lot of their Saturdays and the stake calendar is pretty full for Saturdays for members already. Scope is 7 buildings in our Stake. Localize as much as possible, combine Byron with another unit? Let units discuss on ward council level utilizing local community resources. Perhaps Byron could do a medical related focus, to help the community.</p> <p>- Zoom and record or Youtube from stake center, gathering everyone once and record, either at one time or at their own time - possibly set up a quasi-video studio? Community draw for mini-lecture may be best, but a really long meeting might not be as well attended due to time requirement. Do them in segments and combine or keep individual depending on situations. None have to be more than 15-20 minutes each. Can be shared with the World. Can be done cafeteria style, pick and choose what to watch/participate in.</p> <p>October Bishopric training: what is available and has been presented.</p> <p>.</p>
<p>3-Announcements</p>	
<p>4-Old/Addl Business Michael Goodwin</p>	<p>Standing Item: End of life planning. Start gathering information Now for an overview. Preliminary information needs to be handled before-hand and afterwards. Especially review financial resources and locations. Any thoughts or resources can be sent to me for inclusion in the preliminary guide. The location of financial items such as insurance policies, wills, contracts with funeral homes and other financial documentation, are important considerations.</p> <p>Newsletters are available online</p> <p>Minutes of this meeting are available online to promote transparency and invite suggestions for unit/stake requests.</p> <p>The NA Central Area Preparedness Guide is now available in Spanish and Swahili.</p> <p>Senior and Veterans benefits list of companies offering discounts on web.</p> <p>One for the Money verification in Spanish and Swahili are in the works.</p> <p>Gospel Principles Manual now available in Swahili on the web.</p>
<p>5-Report: Bishops Ted Griffis, Bishop</p>	<p>October Bishop training being planned.</p> <p>YMCA ESL being held at Jefferson and Belvidere High Schools, and other locations.</p> <p>[] Will reach out to Br. Delavan to get information regarding ESL project to R2 and perhaps Spanish Branches in our stake to increase awareness and hopefully participation.</p> <p>Elizabeth Johnston, YMCA contact for the ESL project.</p>
<p>6-Report: RS Bobbie Denhof</p>	<p>Re: Language translation verification of Spanish for One for the Money and Tomato canning procedures. (Sr. Holder to do.)</p> <p>Challenge: how to motivate refugees to want to learn English. Perhaps involving children learning English in schools to help their parents</p>
<p>7-Report: HC/EQ</p>	<p>Br. G. Carmella is HC over addiction recovery, emergency employment</p> <p>Br. John Delavan assigned to self-reliance, stake welfare, Just Serve?</p>

8-Report: ARP and SFS Program Debra Goodwin	Both Addiction Recovery Program and Spouse and Family Support Program focus on repentance and how applying the Atonement of Jesus Christ in our lives. Addiction also covers compulsive behavior. Sr. Goodwin will author the next Welfare and Self-Reliance Newsletter for October; and Sr. Lee will author the newsletter for November.
9-SR Initiative Pgm Gail Lee	Re: Language translation verification of Swahili for One for the Money and Tomato canning procedures. BYU Pathway offering a 3 year degree replacing the 4 year requirement for a BS degree. Bi McDonald in Freeport may have information on people interested in some classes. A 4 week class called Self Employment Workshop is available and could be used as a prelude to the 12 week. Rock 4 started a class with 7 people. She will know if more will participate tonight. Sr. Edmunds has recently been called as a Service Missionary for the BYU Pathway program.
10- Links, Etc.	Preparedness Manuals from Bi Barnes, Hobbs/Walters/Bartel families, Consolidated BSH cookbook available as one zip file on web. Sr. Rackley was sent a link to the self-reliance web site to inform her of the English Connect, Pathway and other language and self-reliance information available. Note from Michael: We used to have these questions at the end of each agenda for the committee to consider. Perhaps we should periodically review these questions to help us stay on track. <u>Questions for Committees to Consider</u> ° 1 What self-reliance needs exist with individuals and families in our area? 2 How can we support bishops, quorums, and the Relief Society in their role to care for the poor and those in need? 3 How can we better help bishops and ward councils to identify and invite people to participate in our self-reliance efforts? 4 What can we do during and after self-reliance groups to better support participants? 5 How can we better help people who can't attend or finish a self-reliance group? 6 How can we better utilize the talents, skills, and expertise of members in our area? 7 What kind of Church or community resources do our members need, and how should we develop and share these resources? 8 How can we use our self-reliance efforts to support stake and ward priorities? (For example, missionary work, member reactivation, young single adults, or youth.) From: <u>Leaders Guide for the Self-Reliance Initiative</u> (2017) located at: https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/ldsorg/topics/self-reliance/leader-guide-new-eng.pdf?lang=eng

Closing Prayer: Sr. Denhof
Next meeting: Bi. Griffis

10/8/13, 2023 4:00 PM

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