

Rockford Stake Self-Reliance Committee Meeting Website, http://rockfordstake.selfrelianceclub.com	Minutes	02/11/24
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Agenda Items	Discussion
1-Opening Prayer/ Spiritual Thought: Pr. Griffis Next: Bi. Carlson	Parable of the talents. All are given at least one talent from the Lord. All gifts and talents are given so that everyone has something to offer to the members in a time of need. The work of the Church is the Lord's—all the talents he has given to others are for the purpose of helping each other to learn, grow, and be blessed in time of need.
2-Training: Bi. Carlson Next: Sr. Holder	The Swahili branch was formally created in our stake in February.
3-Comments: Pr. Griffis, 2C Stk Presy	The net is cast for all walks of life. Youth do need to learn more, adults as well.
4-Report: Bishops Council Bi Carlson	The Church is planning to develop 36 life enrichment self-reliance lessons to help the youth within the Seminary curriculum. Discussion was held regarding experiences of youth in homes where personal finance principles are not being taught, no life insurance, can't balance checking accounts, etc.. Youth are struggling to learn how to manage expenditures. Being nickled and dimed to death.
5-Report: RS Sis. Bobbie Denhoff	Sis. Holder will make sure the documents are translated into Spanish and Swahili and are posted on the stake website. There were seven orders for Bishop's Storehouse food. Many people worked together to get the food orders and deliver it to the wards/branches. The BSH delivery truck can now come two times/month. Thanks to Br. Delavan for his help with this function, and will work with RS
6-Report: HC John Delavan, HC	Byron is still trying to work out whether BSH food works for them. Minimum number of orders must be eight for BSH truck to deliver to the Rockford Stake Center. Freeport has many orders.
7-Report: ARP and SFS Program Debra Goodwin	Reported on ARP and SFS advertising posters and business cards.
8-SR Initiative Pgm Gail Lee	Letters were sent to EQ, RS, Bishops in the Stake to invite members to sign up for the self-reliance classes that are available starting in March. English Connect, Personal Finance, Emotion Resilience, Growing Your Own Business. There was some confusion regarding the number of members who were interested. Gail will follow up to discover accurate numbers. Please remember there are no 'teachers,' but each class needs a 'facilitator.' Gail is responsible to train members to be facilitators using the Facilitator Training Guide.
9-Old/Addl Business Michael Goodwin	*Self-Reliance Web Page through Google Docs Portal Link - (Work in Progress!) Check this out. We will discuss this for additions and changes. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ef3Qr2uvBEj87GkVEulhG7XwpNvE8fq7S9XelzO9CPg/edit?usp=drive_link *New info regarding Chicago Region Welfare Resources access. Sis. Woodson encourages participation in online training for various self-reliance topics. *Circles is name of communication system developed by the Church (Gospel Living App) so that members can communicate with each other within the ward/branch. *The Rockford Stake has increased its wheat supply by five tons during February. *Skills and Talents. Count our blessings! Skills and Talents Checklist could be completed so that ward/branch leadership can see who can help with whatever needs there are.

*Become an 'influencer!' Share with others what we know regarding self-reliance skills. YouTube Influencer channels (4-6 million followers) viewed by John Delavan: Outdoor Boys (live in Alaska)

**Closing Prayer:
Br. Delavan**

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**Next meeting: Sr.Lee
3/10/24 4:00 PM**

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