

TO: Youth Council

Date: 8/09/02

FROM: Operations Committee/Outreach & Education Committee

For Action
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SUBJECT: Youth Expo 2003

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Youth Council agree to a proposal from the Sunrise Rotary Club that the Club's Interact youth group provide the planning and execution of next year's Youth Expo. Overall leadership and development of the Expo's goals and objectives will be provided by the Youth Council. Further, that an ad hoc working group be established to help run the conference.

DISCUSSION: The Youth Council has expressed a desire to host the Merced County Youth Expo 2003. The Human Services Agency staff, who provided primary support to last year's Expo, has briefed both the Operations Committee and the Outreach and Education Committee. Both committees are optimistic about hosting the Youth Expo 2003, but the combined factors of WIA funds and staff time being available only in small amounts must be overcome.

A proposal from the Merced Sunrise Rotary Club to provide the staff to plan and perform the conference, along with the funds needed to make the conference a success, was recently received. The proposal would require the Youth Council to develop the Expo's goals and objectives and to provide the overall leadership of the Expo. The Rotary, through its Youth Interact Club, would take care of everything else.

Mr. Bob Harmon, WIB and Youth Council member, is a Sunrise Rotarian and is acting as the initial facilitator for the proposal.

The Operations Committee heard from Mr. Harmon on July 24, 2002, and voted to accept the proposal. The Outreach and Education Committee was briefed on August 2, 2002, and also voted to accept the proposal. The Outreach and Education Committee was the primary committee for the Youth Council's Youth-to-Youth Conference, but with their new focus on Merced County adults, feel that the Youth Expo would be better served by the formation of an ad hoc working group.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A