

TO: Youth Council

DATE: Sept 13, 2002

FROM: Youth Expo Ad Hoc Working Group

For Action

For Information

Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: Decision Not to be Lead Agency – Youth Expo 2003

PROPOSED MOTION(S): The Youth Council agree **NOT** to take on the responsibility to be lead agency for this year's Youth Expo.

DISCUSSION: During the August 9, 2002 Youth Council meeting, the Council agreed to support the concept of the Council sponsoring the Youth Expo 2003 and having the Sunrise Rotary Interact Club provide staff support. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed: Members—Claudia Corchado, Chuck Dean, Rennise Ferrario, Laura Gongora, Alexander Hall, Rebecca Lincoln, Noah Pou Lor, Nellie McGarry, Suzanne Nunez, and Ralph Vigil.

The initial meeting between Interact, Sunrise Rotary, a Youth Council member and Youth Council staff was held shortly after the Aug 9, 2002 YC meeting. In the initial meeting, the principal of Merced HS, himself a Rotarian, voiced concern about the Interact Club's ability to provide adequate staff work for the Youth Expo. It was felt that the Ad Hoc Committee would have to "fill in" where needed.

On Sept 9, 2002, the Interact Club met at the Boys and Girls Club to consider providing the required support for the event. There were 18 members present of whom 10 were freshmen. The Club unanimously voted **NOT** to support the Youth Expo. Instead they have chosen to have a car wash, write articles for the Merced County Times, participate in the Heartwalk, have a Wake-a-Thon, Toys for Tots, and cookies for convalescent homes. Their advisor, Sharon Cresswell, a local Workforce Investment Board member, concurred with the group's decision.

The Ad Hoc Committee agrees that without adequate staff support, the Youth Council should reverse its decision to be lead agency for the Youth Expo. Instead, individual members should be encouraged to volunteer their time to help the Expo. Consideration should be given to continuing the Ad Hoc Committee to assist in achieving a successful event. The amount of a monetary contribution should also be discussed and contributed.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A