



MEMORANDUM

TO: All SNR Soroptimists

FROM: Youth Fund Task Force (Governor Lane, Secretary Nancy, District 1 Director Lisa and District 4 Director Ann)

DATE: September 2, 2018

Fellow Soroptimists:

Recently you received, through the E-Blast, a notice about the Region Youth Fund Task Force. As indicated in the notice, at the July 2018 Board Meeting, Governor Lane appointed a Task Force to explore options for use of the Youth Club Fund currently held by the Region. The Task Force met via emails and a telephone conference in August and September. As of those discussions, the Task Force has a proposed recommendation for distribution of the funds. We are sharing the proposal with you for your input. As noted in the prior memorandum, this will be a topic at your Fall District meeting. This proposal is subject to revision as we receive membership input.

PROPOSAL

That the current monies in the Youth Fund be distributed in accordance with the following plan:

The SNR Board will create a Youth Fund grant program. The Board will enact policies and procedures for administering the program and the amount of the grants. Grants may be awarded to clubs based on the criteria listed below:

1. To a club for creation or expansion of a Dream It, Be It program; or
2. To a club with an active S-Club affiliate for an S-Club project that is in alignment with the SIA mission of improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic improvement.

The Task Force believes the proposal encompasses the original intent of the membership when the Youth Fund was created, while adapting to focus Soroptimist efforts on the mission.

We know emphasizing programs that provide education and opportunities for improvement to women and girls, rather than general service projects, is the best way to further the mission.

We felt it would help discussion on this issue if the proposal was available prior to the Fall District meetings. It can be a starting point; but it is not fait accompli. We want this to be an open and cordial interaction with our members.