

CHiPS Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2015

Present: Wendy Cook, Peggy Shippen, Chair, Kappy Eaton, Carene Davis-Stitt

1. CHiPS logo design & Info for the Branch Website. Discussion led by Wendy.

There will be a CHiPS dropdown tab on the branch website. Samples of topics to be included:

- How-to Info for other branches;
- PowerPoint & speeches given for others to use;
- CHiPS committee branch members & meeting minutes;
- teacher and school resource materials and programs with links to other websites (eg: Teaching Tolerance, Project Citizen & YMCA Youth & Government programs);
- Branch CHiPS Speaker volunteers available for school classrooms and clubs;
- CHiPS studies (Diana Owens & National Stats – website links available);
- Civics conferences; Legislation (eg: Rep Paul Evan's bill).

Wendy will design a CHiPS program logo that symbolizes the concept in a fun way and run it by the committee.

2. Three members signed up to be CHiPS Speakers on various civic involvement topics in Eugene-Lane schools. Marian will make a pitch for additional volunteer member-speakers at the November branch meeting.

3. Meeting with Bethel's Carlos Sequeria and City Club of Eugene Marlene Nesary.

Carlos began by saying he was very interested in the students participating in the City Club's ACE program. However, his enthusiasm waned somewhat when Marlene clarified that the students wouldn't likely be making presentations but just helping to plan programs for the meetings.

Peggy suggested the possibility of having a student "team" follow a program that has a proven structure and track record. She described the YMCA Youth in Government Program: 1.) that provides booklets and training that a college student or "intern" (say one who wants to become a history teacher) could follow and 2.) that could be lend itself to making a presentation to the Civic Club in person or on the radio. The YMCA Youth in Government Program has scholarships available for students to go to Salem with students from all over the state. Peggy suggested this might be a way AAUW & the City Club could "partner" so students could participate in a well-established program.

Marlene indicated she was not interested in this type of partnership at this time. She wants AAUW to provide money for her to develop the City Club's ACE program. Peggy indicated AAUW would only be comfortable giving money to help students participate (food & transportation) in active-learning civic problem solving activities – giving

speeches to the City Club and on their radio program to promote a civic change or support student involvement in Project Citizen or the YMCA Youth & Government Program.

3. Discussion – Where to go from here with Bethel, Springfield and Eugene 4J School Districts?

After some discussion, the committee agreed we should obtain e-copies of the Youth & Government Program and send them to the three school districts.

The committee directed Peggy to let Bethel School District know that we are interested in sponsoring 3-4 female students to attend the YMCA Youth & Government Program. We need to find out if the students are really interested in attending. The committee concluded they would be able to find other organizations to help raise the funds per student to support their attending, including helping them to apply for scholarship monies available through the program.

#### FOLLOW-UP

Peggy contacted Nekole Baurere, YMCA Youth and Government Director and obtained the attached bulletin and Advisors Handbook for 2015, sent them to Bethel, Springfield and Eugene 4J School Districts and made the offer to Carlos @ Bethel that our branch was interested in sponsoring 3-4 female students to attend the Y& G program. He responded positively and said he would be discussing this opportunity with the Latinos Club and other social studies students.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Shippen, CHiPS Chair