



CHiPS Committee Meeting
Kappy's Place @ 12:30
August 30, 2016

MINUTES

Present: Charlotte Brill, Carene Davis-Stitt, Kappy Eaton, Carol Hildebrand, Carol Miller, Peggy Shippen, Linda Whittorf

I. South Eugene High School Feminist Union "FU" (club).

- Peggy will speak to the FU on October 6th about her job as a Human Rights Investigator and services/jobs offered at Oregon's BOLI.
- FU's Tampon Dispenser Project. The committee is very interested in knowing more about the seriousness of this problem; why dispensers aren't available, if they've asked the school to provide them; how widespread it is (district-, city-state-wide?) etc. For this project to fit into our CHiPS goals and objectives, the committee set the following parameters:

At this point we are not willing to ask the branch to fundraise for dispensers or tampons. CHiPS Committee are offering to attend 2-3 meetings to assist the FU with the steps to take in researching and strategizing in preparation for making a proposal to the school or school board. We will also offer, should they find the solution to this problem to be insolvable, to possibly be a resource for helping them advocate for it. Either way, the CHiPS Committee would really like the FU Co-Presidents to visit the branch to tell us about their project including why and how they either tried and failed or actually made a difference.

II. Willamette High School Mock Trial Competition Girls Team.

- The CHiPS Committee is excited to support an all girls Mock Trial Girls Team. They asked Peggy to contact Zachary Lauritzen, coordinator at Willamette High School and ask him to put together an itemized proposal for the amount of money the team will need, of how many girls and the timeframe for which the money will be needed.

Carene suggested if our branch is unable to raise all of the funds needed, we might ask Soroptimist to partner with us. Peggy is willing to chat with the Women Lawyers group here in Eugene, also.

III. Eugene School District Update - Peggy

- Eugene Education Association Union President Tad Shannon contacted by Peggy.

He was previously a government teacher and totally supports CHiPS. He asked her to talk to BJ Beck and Clarissa Boyce.

- BJ Beck – new Secondary Instruction Director was contacted by Peggy. BJ Beck would like a one-page summary of what CHiPS is and what we have to offer to schools, including the CHiPS resource/library information. She will distribute this to all social studies teachers in the Eugene School District. The committee approved this.
- Clarissa Boyce, Teacher & Coordinator of the Seminar Series for Teachers was contacted by Peggy. Clarissa would like to discuss what classroom materials we have to recommend for their (Continuing Education Credit) Teacher Seminar Series January 14- March 10, 2017.
 - CHiPS Resource Table – CHiPS Committee members willing to spend some time hosting a resource table. More details needed.
 - CHiPS Committee asked Peggy to meet with Clarissa and share any with CHiPS Resource referral contacts we have that they can use as speakers.

IV. CHiPS Bin for Ed Resources

- Carol M. suggested all of us gather articles and other bits of CHiPS info for teachers and student activities that we can add to our CHiPS Resource Table and share with or give to teachers. At the Sept. 10th branch meeting, we'll ask branch members to join us in that endeavor. They must be non-partisan.
- Peggy is willing to start a list of website links to CHiPS Resources. We'll also ask the branch to send CHiPS website links to Peggy

V. Enough for this year. The committee agreed we now have enough on our plate for this year so there's no need to reach out at this time to other school districts. We'll see how these activities go this winter and evaluate them in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Shippen, CHiPS Chair
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