



CHiPS Committee Meeting
June 4, 2018
Kappy's Place @ 3:30

MINUTES

Present: Peggy Shippen, Carene Davis-Stitt, Kappy Eaton, Carol Miller, Cindy Parker

I. CHiPS Treasurer's Report – Peggy Shippen. [Cindy has offered to be the CHiPS Treasurer](#)

2017-18 Total CHiPS Income =	\$966
(Donations + Carry Over from 2016-17)	
- 2017-18 Expenditures for WHS Mock Trial Team =	\$570
Current Balance CHiPS Funds =	\$396.

Cindy and Peggy have reconciled these figures. [Peggy will give this report to the Board at the June 5th Planning Meeting.](#)

2018-19 CHiPS Program Estimates = \$594

- **WHS Mock Trial Program = \$525 minus \$56 WHS Carry-Over= \$469**
- **WHS Intro to Law Class Field Trip = \$125**

II. **Discussion of 2016-17 CHiPS Activities**

a. **Willamette High School Mock (WHS) Trial Team**

- A team of eight (5 were girls!) completed competition and did very well.
- They were recruited from Dain's WHS Intro to Law Class.
- Dain was paid from funds from a Kendal Ford grant
- Eugene attorney, Clinton volunteered his time to help the team
- Dain is unable to lead the Mock Trial Team next year but Clint is available. WHS will need to find a new teacher to do this. AAUW could encourage this by meeting with Zack Laurizen and Principal Mindy Lenoex. [Peggy will arrange. Carol and possibly Charlotte will go with.](#)

b. **WHS Intro To Law Class – Dain Nelson and Attorney Clinton**

- 70 students attended the class.
- 110 have signed up for next year!!
- Students elected to take the class for three reasons
 - They have family who are involved in a legal matter & interested in learning more
 - Student has had a 'brush' with the law and want to understand it
 - Thought it would be interesting
- Dain will teach the class next year and would like to take them to the Federal Courthouse or another in-city field trip. Bus costs = \$125.
- [Peggy will ask the board to recommend this to members for vote.](#)

c. WHS Mock Trial and Law Class Evaluated for Student Interest, Education & Career Benefits - Dain

- Post- year, Dain observed students were better able to discern fact from fiction, had an increase in confidence, increase ability to express themselves and be a team player.
- At our request, Dain said he would put together a more formal pre & post survey/evaluation for students. Dain said he needs to do that anyway.
- Peggy will talk to Dain about writing about his Law Class – something we can distribute publicly to encourage other high schools to offer.

d. AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch Recognition for Dain -Peggy will write

e. Civics Legislation

- Cindy and other AAUW members met with State Senator James Manning and gave him our CHiPS flyers.
- Florida Civics Legislation presented, discussed – will take too long.
- Cindy suggested our focus be to push Dept. of Ed to finish standards for Civics, which would have the buy-in of teachers and policy could be put in place more quickly. Peggy will explore.

III. CHiPS Committee Activities for 2018-19

- Meet with WHS administrators re: continuation of the Mock Trial Team program;
- Donate \$125 from CHiPS Funds for WHS Law Class field trip;
- Raise CHiPS funds to support WHS programs for one year;
- Ask WHS to give a pre- and post- survey to Mock Trial and Law Class students to evaluate program/s benefit in terms of student awareness, knowledge, skills and confidence for civics and related careers;
 - Send AAUW-Eugene Lane branch results for all and for just girls
- Encourage various professional women in public service to speak to Law Class eg: such as Judge Ann Aiken (Federal Judge in Eugene's Fed Courthouse), Val Hoyle (newly elected head of Bureau of Labor and Industries) and Rep Julie Fahey who is replacing Val Hoyle in the WHS-area district;
- With flyers and Guest Letter to RG editor (composed by Peggy, Kappy and Dain) encourage other Lane County high school history teachers to offer an Intro to Law class modeled after WHS (bonus – helps them comply with OR Measure 98);
- Meet with the Oregon Dept. of Ed to encourage them to finish the Civics Standards;
- Contact Trish Garner, AAUW-OR Public Policy Chair for Dept of Ed contacts;
- Update the CHiPS section of our branch AAUW website - Peggy;
- Write Annual Report of CHiPS success (newsletter, AAUW-OR) and send to non-member donors. Peggy

Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy Shippen, CHiPS Chair