



Western Montana Democratic Socialists of America

Monthly Business Meeting

February 8th, 2025. 10am

Location: Goodworks & via Zoom

o Openings (10 min)

- **Native Land Acknowledgement:** *We recognize that capitalism, land exploitation, and settler-colonialism are closely intertwined, as American capitalism was built on stolen indigenous land. We also recognize the clear role of indigenous oppression in serving the interests of fossil capitalism, as demonstrated time and time again. Finally, we believe that indigenous land rights and self determination are a crucial aspect of environmental justice and the fight against capitalist extractivism. For these reasons, we are committed to standing with the Salish and Kootenai people and pledge to support their struggle as best as we can.*
 - o Introductions: Name, Pronouns, and Question: “What would you like to see the chapter accomplish in 2025, and how would you like to be involved?”
 - o Community Agreements for Respectful Discussion (brief)
 - o Rotating Roles:
 - Facilitator – Brendan
 - Timekeeper – Rachel
 - Progressive stack – Brian
 - Notetaker – Steven
 - o Agenda: additions and approval
 - o Meeting Minutes: correction and approval
 - o Interim Treasurer’s Report
- o **Working Group Reports (30 min)**
 - o Montanans for Palestine (Brendan)
 - o Social & Outreach (Rachel)
 - Speaker Series
 - Secret screening of [redacted] February 18th, 5:30 at MCT

- Shelby Copeland, of the UM National Lawyers Guild
 - Editorial & Comms (Robbie)
 - Labor (Steven)
 - Eco (Alessandro)
 - Electoral - filing dates are April 17th-June 16th, primary election is September 9th, general is November 11th
- **Montana Statewide DSA Constitution Ratification (15 min)**
 - **W Montana Democratic Socialists of America Constitution DRAFT 2.docx**
 - 3 MT DSA chapter reps - vote
- **Steering Committee Elections (20 min)**
 - Position duties:
 - Co-chair - preside over meetings, public spokespersons, coordinate day to day operations and political work
 - Secretary - answers all correspondences, maintains membership list, notifies members when dues need to be assumed, takes notes/minutes
 - Treasurer - custody of all funds and financial records, deposits funds in bank account under Western Montana DSA name, ensures dues are paid in a timely manner, prepares annual budget and delivers progress reports
 - Comms director - maintains communication with working groups, manages social media profiles/interactions
 - Harassment and Grievance officer election
- **New Chapter Projects (30 min)**
 - 2025 Social Calendar
 - May Day 2025 chapter project
 - Saturday February 22nd at MCT 7:30 pm - showing of "Union", \$15 admission, seniors/students \$12

- Starbucks picket/phone bank
- **Announcements - (10 Min)**
 - Newsletter submissions – by Friday February 21st
 - “Voice of the People: Radio by & for the 99%” radio show, Tuesdays 12-2 pm, KFGM 101.5 FM, 1015kfgm.org, or podcast on <https://anchor.fm/vop-montana>
 - Montana DSA has a podcast! <https://anchor.fm/montana-dsa>
 - “On **March 7, 2025, at 7:00 PM at Freecycles**, we—an alliance of leftist organizations—are calling on other leftist groups to join us in coalition building, information exchange, and collective resistance. In the face of ongoing right-wing attacks, we must strengthen our networks, strategize together, and build power. This event is a space for activists, grassroots groups, and organizers to connect, discuss ongoing struggles, and find ways to support each other in advancing social and economic justice. Whether you're part of an established group or looking to get involved, join us in building a stronger, united movement. No pasará!”

Upcoming Meetings & Dates:

- **Saturday, February 15, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - MT4P Palestine’s Day Fundraiser** at 405 University Congregational Church.
- **Sunday, February 16, 2:00 p.m. Western MT DSA Steering/Charting Committee** meeting [via Zoom](#). All are welcome!
- **Wednesday, February 19, 6:00 p.m. Labor Working Group** meeting via Zoom, [contact Mark Anderlik](#) for link.
- **Friday, February 21, 6:00 p.m. at the Union Club - Socialize with Socialists.** Come hang out with your comrades and grow your cell/strengthen your chapter. Curious about socialism but didn't know who to ask? This is one place to start. (Reading *Das Kapital* is another.)
- **Sunday, February 23, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. DSA Book Club** will meet at Fact and Fiction bookstore, back room. Copies of “Palestine’s Children” sold out!
- **Monday, February 24, 4:00 p.m. - Social and Outreach** meeting at Flipper’s
- **Tuesday, February 25, 6:00 p.m. - Editorial Working Group** meeting, [via Zoom](#). All welcome.
- **Sunday, March 2, 2:00 p.m. - Western Montana DSA Steering/Charting Committee** meeting [via Zoom](#). All are Welcome!
- **Thursday, March 6, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Socialism and Worker Politics in MT History Lecture**, Elks Club.

- **Saturday, March 8, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Western Montana DSA Chapter Meeting**, Goodworks Place, 129 West Alder St., Missoula and [via Zoom](#).