



WESTERN MONTANA DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA

Business Meeting Agenda

May 11th 2024 10:00 - 11:30 am

Goodworks and on 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.*

- Introductions: Name, Pronouns, and Question: “Who was your best teacher and why?”
- Community Agreements for Respectful Discussion (brief)
- Rotating Roles:
 - Facilitator – Brendan
 - Timekeeper – Rachel
 - Progressive stack – Robbie
 - Notetaker – Alessandro
- Agenda: additions and approval
- Meeting Minutes: correction and approval
- Treasurer’s Report (Wren)

o Announcements - (5 Min)

- Newsletter submissions – by Friday May 24th
- Regional leadership meeting w/Hayley Banyai-Becker – XXXX
- “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>

o Working Group Reports (20 min)

- Ecosocialists (David)
- Housing (Alessandro)

- Common Good Missoula (John)
 - Editorial & Comms (Robbie)
 - Labor (Mark)
 - May Day (Rachel)
- **New Chapter Projects**
 - **Social and Outreach Working Group - (15 min)**
 - Voting in a new working group
 - What do they do?
 - update on MF&C
 - **Updates on Statewide DSA project -(10 min)**
 - **Pride - (10 min)**
 - Vote to apply to table
 - Budget vote
 - **Slack - 10 min**
 - Introduction
 - Who will be on the slack
 - Which channels to join
 - **No Preference Campaign Updates - (15 min)**
 - Need clarification on where info is coming from
 - Printing Reimbursement
 - Yard Signs
 - Who is communicating with national on VAN

Upcoming Meetings & Dates:

- **Friday, May 17, 6:00 pm**– Socialize with Socialists! In person at the Union Club, 208 E. Main St., Missoula
- **Sunday, May 19, 10:00 am** – Western Montana DSA Steering/Charting Committee via Zoom. All are Welcome!
- **Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 pm** – Editorial Working Group via Zoom
- **Sunday, June 2, 10:00 am** – Western Montana DSA Steering/Charting Committee, in person and via Zoom. All are Welcome!
- **Saturday, June 8, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** – Western Montana DSA Chapter Meeting, Goodworks Place, [129 West Alder St., Missoula](#), and [via Zoom](#). (Please take your shoes off in the building.) All are encouraged to attend.
- **Thursday, June 20, 6:00 p.m.** - Labor Working Group Meeting.