



**WESTERN MONTANA
DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA
Business Meeting Agenda
January 11th 2025 10:00 - 11:30 pm
Location GoodWorks and on Zoom**

In attendance: Mark, Brian, Brendan, Robbie, Daniel, Chester, Sarah, Tony, Rachel, Steven

On Zoom: Justis

○ **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: “What is your New Year’s Resolution?”
 - Community Agreements for Respectful Discussion (brief)
 - Rotating Roles:
 - Facilitator – Brendan/Rachel
 - Timekeeper – Brian
 - Progressive stack – Rachel/Brendan
 - Notetaker – Steven
 - Agenda: additions and approval – **motioned and approved**
 - Meeting Minutes: correction and approval – **motioned and approved**
 - Treasurer’s Report (Alessandro) – **absent, \$1400 in bank not including state funds**
- **Announcements - (10 Min)**
 - Need new treasurer & steering elections in Feb
 - Need nominations
 - City Council elections? check your wards, what filing deadlines are there? – **filing deadlines are in mid-April or June**

- Mark proposed reviving the electoral working group for February to start considering endorsements, motion was approved

- Newsletter submissions – by Friday January 24th
- “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>
- **Book club on January 12th, 1pm at Fact and Fiction**
- **New member orientation 1/21 at library**
- **Working Group Reports (30 min)**
 - Montanans for Palestine (Brendan)
 - <https://linktr.ee/missoulawobblies>
 - Jan 18 fundraiser (small) @ Burns st Comm Cent – **IWW hosting?**
 - Feb 15 fundraiser (large) @ UCC 1 P.M.
- Planning for 4 different fundraisers over the course of 2025, with the goal of raising \$20,000 total
- Next meeting is 1/18 at library 10am
 - Social & Outreach (Rachel/Alessandro)
 - speaker series – **first in series is 1/30 at Elk’s lodge, need to figure out snacks and refreshments**
 - **Meeting every other Monday (1/20)**
 - **February book club is 2/23, some copies will be available to borrow**
 - Editorial & Comms (Robbie) – **12/31 editorial**
 - Labor (Steven) – **O4P coming up in February (2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20), regular Starbucks picketing, potential Teamsters/Amazon organizing after talking to Erin Foley**
 - Eco (Alessandro)
- **New Chapter Projects (30 min)**
 - MTDSA Report (Mark) - constitution draft – **constitution draft is available for comment, voting to ratify at February business meeting**
 - Teamsters/Amazon picketing (Mark) – **moved to Labor**

- Website/Domain host (Brian/Robbie) – **motion to continue using Greengeeks, was amended to a 1 year purchase (if possible), approved**
- Neighbors Union (MNU) (Alessandro) – **Alessandro is organizing a new tenants' union**
- May Day planning subcommittee – **brought strategic plan with rough dates leading up to May Day, motioned for chapter to adopt and approved - Bringing plan to Social and Outreach working group to work on planning**
- **Start advertising for Membership Meeting, each person to invite three members**

Upcoming Meetings & Dates:

- **Sunday, January 12th, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** - DSA book club will meet at Fact & Fiction bookstore, in the back room.
- **Wednesday, January 15 2025, 6pm** - Labor working group business meeting
- **Friday, January 17th, 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, January 19th, 2:00 p.m.** - Western Montana DSA Steering/Charting Committee meeting in the Ellingson Room at the library. All are welcome!
- **Tuesday, January 21st, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** – Social and Outreach meeting for new members and orientation. Missoula Public Library, Cooper Room.
- **Tuesday, January 21st, 6:00 p.m.** – Editorial Working Group meeting, [via Zoom](#). All are welcome.
- **Sunday, February 2nd, 2:00 p.m.** – Western Montana DSA Steering/Charting Committee meeting [via Zoom](#). All are welcome!
- **Saturday, February 8th, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.** – Western Montana DSA Chapter Meeting, Goodworks Place, 129 West Alder St., Missoula and [via Zoom](#).