



# Western Montana Democratic Socialists of America

**Monthly Business Meeting**

**March 8th, 2025, 10am**

**Location: Goodworks & via Zoom**

**In attendance:** Brendan Work, Brian Myers, Rachel Calderon-Navarro, Sean Regan, Robbie Liben, Shelby Copeland, Mark Anderlik, Tony Davis, Wren Greaney, Briana Young, Lucas Moody, Dylan Wells, Becca Poliquin, Marcus

**On Zoom:** Dave Jones, Chester Seitz, Sarah McClain, Amelia Jeffs, Olive

- **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: “How are you cleaning fascism up from your life?”
- **Community Agreements for Respectful Discussion** (brief)
- **Rotating Roles:**
  - Facilitator – Rachel
  - Timekeeper – Brendan
  - Progressive stack – Brian
  - Notetaker – Steven
- **Agenda:** additions and approval – **approved with changes**
- **Meeting Minutes:** correction and approval – **approved**
- **Treasurer’s Report** (Sarah/Jackie) - **\$4690.80 in statewide fund, \$2417.23 in chapter account**
- **Announcements - (5 Min)**
  - Newsletter submissions – by March 24th
  - Art Party on March 29th
  - “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>
- **Working Group Reports (20 min)**

- Social & Outreach (Brian) – Very successful speaker series, increased numbers from January
  - Art party on 3/29
  - Next meeting @ Flippers 4:30 on 3/10
- Editorial & Comms (Robbie) – Celia Winkler had an editorial on 2/4, Robbie had one on 3/6
- Labor (Steven) – Going in to week 5 of O4P with the highest number of Montana attendees at almost 40
  - Starbucks sip-in on 3/9
- Eco (Dave)
  - Goals for 2025? – set date for first meeting to re-organize of 3/31 at Flipper's at 6pm
- Palestine (Brendan) – wildly successful Palestine's Day, \$3500 in day-of fundraising, planning meeting on 3/16 at Library Cooper room
  - Defeated bill involving "antisemitic" speech
  - Planning against HJ8 (?) to define Israel as a state/right to exist
- **New Chapter Projects (30 min)**
  - Pride Month - coalition building with The Center? – need to pay \$80 by 5/9 for spot in parade on 6/21
    - Motion to release funds for parade (or reimburse payment), seconded and approved
    - Motion to release \$50 for a vendor fee to table on 6/21 after parade, seconded and approved
  - March 7th - Leftist org coalition report – great turnout, looking to be more action focused and directive moving forward
  - March 29th DSA Art Party – looking for supply donations or loans
  - YDSA chapter update – advisor is secured for the group, first meeting is 3/8
  - Starbucks sip-in
  - Electoral (added to agenda) – looking to endorse ward 2 and ward 6 candidates
    - Could we have a joint platform with MTU?
    - Meeting on 3/25, location TBD
  - MTDSA (added to agenda) – at-large ratification is ongoing, should be finished soon
    - Want to call a statewide meeting by possibly the end of March

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## Upcoming Meetings & Dates:

- **Sunday, March 9, 11:00 a.m. - “Hands Off Our Public Lands”** rally at McCormick Park
- **Sunday, March 9, 12:30- Starbucks Sip-In** at 2504 South Reserve location - following the “Hands Off Our Public Lands” rally
- **Monday, March 10, 4:30 p.m. - Social and Outreach** meeting at Flipper’s
- **Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 p.m. – Editorial Working Group** meeting, [via Zoom](#). All welcome.
- ~~**Saturday, March 15 4 p.m.**~~ **OR Sunday, March 16 12:15 p.m., MT4Palestine** meeting at Library Cooper Room
- **Wednesday, March 19, 6:00 p.m. Labor Working Group** meeting via Zoom, [contact Mark Anderlik](#) for link.
- **Sunday, March 23, 11:00 a.m. Western MT DSA Steering/Charting Committee** meeting [via Zoom](#). All are welcome!
- **Monday, March 24, 4:30 p.m. - Social and Outreach** meeting at Flipper’s
- **Tuesday, March 25, 6:00 p.m. – Editorial Working Group** meeting, [via Zoom](#). All welcome.
- **Saturday, March 29, 1:00 p.m. - DSA Anti-Capitalist Art Party** at Library Cooper Room
- **Sunday, April 6, 11:00 a.m. – Western Montana DSA Steering/Charting Committee** meeting [via Zoom](#). All are Welcome!
- **Saturday, April 12, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. – Western Montana DSA Chapter Meeting**, ~~Goodworks Place Library, Cooper Room~~, 129 West Alder St., Missoula and [via Zoom](#).