



**WESTERN MONTANA  
DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA  
Business Meeting Agenda  
July 13th 2024 11:00 - 12:30 pm  
Goodworks and on Zoom**

**\*Mark Anderlik, Tony Davis, Alessandro, Daniel Carlino, Brian Myers, Rachel Navarro,  
Chester, Naomi, Gabriel**

**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’s your three favorite movies?”
- o Community Agreements for Respectful Discussion (brief)
- o Rotating Roles:
  - Facilitator – Rachel
  - Timekeeper – Alessandro
  - Progressive stack – **Brian**
  - Notetaker – Steven
- o Agenda: additions and approval - **approved**
- o Meeting Minutes: correction and approval - **approved**
- o Treasurer’s Report (Alessandro)

**o Announcements - (5 Min)**

- o Newsletter submissions – by Friday July 26th
- o Housing (Alessandro/Liam)
- o Guest Speaking logistics Committee
  - Finding high profile people to give talks
- o “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>

- **Working Group Reports (20 min)**

- Social & Outreach (Liam)
  - Sign up for Tabling
- Editorial & Comms (Robbie)
- Labor (Mark)

- **New Chapter Projects**

- Vote on contributing/being involved with Common Good - (10 Min)
- DSA National Convention - (5 Min)
  - Raising money starting now
- Eco Socialist Working Group - (20 min)
  - Quick list work of desired projects & goals
- Merch! - (15 Min)
  - DFTBA has donated 100 shirts
  - What do we want on them?
    - solidarity is power
    - socialism is democracy
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  - New Western MT Logo?

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**Upcoming Meetings & Dates:**

- **Wednesday, 7/17 @ 6PM** – Labor Working Group Meeting, Location TBD
- **Friday, 7/19 @ 6PM** - Socialize With Socialists in person @ Western Cider
- **Sunday, 7/21 @ 5PM** - MT4P General Meeting, Location TBD
- **Sunday, 7/21 @ 4PM**– Steering Committee Meeting on Zoom
- **Tuesday, 7/23 @ 6PM** – Editorial Working Group on Zoom
- **Sunday, 8/4 @ 12:15PM** – Steering Committee Meeting in the Ellingson Room, 3rd Floor of the library.
- **Saturday, 8/10 @ 11:00 AM** – Western Montana DSA Chapter Meeting, Goodworks Place, [129 West Alder St., Missoula](#), and [via Zoom](#).

## **Notes:**

- **Treasurer's Report: \$200 spent on pride, \$6384.41 in chapter account - unsure how it's allocated**
- **Housing - Unhoused ordinance passed on 6/24, planning to use for mobilization**
  - **Buffet in the Buffer Zone - 7/26 at 5:30**
  - **Pro-Housing Missoula - Neighborhood Walks meeting, 7/31 6-8 pm**
  - **Tenants Union continuing work on their Right to Counsel campaign**
  - **Continuing to organize Westview and Eagle's Watch this week**
- **Social and Outreach - Tabling dates**
  - **Farmers' Market on 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/7, from 10am-12pm**
  - **NMCDC movie nights on 7/19, 8/2, 8/16, 9/6**
  - **Pro-Housing meetings on 7/31 and 8/20**
  - **Rose Park meeting on 9/15**
- **Editorial - Sarah had an article titled Home of the Brave in the Missoulian**
  - **Consulted with Daniel Carlino on his article about the unhoused ordinance**
  - **Alessandro and Robbie are working on putting together a guest speaker series**
- **Labor**
  - **Jeff Kempka has asked us to help plan an event in support of his campaign**
  - **The next WG meeting is on July 17<sup>th</sup>, zoom, at 6pm**
  - **Movie night planned for August 7<sup>th</sup>, Good Works, at 6pm**
  - **Next workshop is "Rights on the Job," Good Works (probably) at 6pm**
  - **Working on planning an abbreviated O4P workshop for comrades in Billings in Helena with MFPE**
    - **DFTBA workers' union working on collective bargaining agreement and constitution is finished**
  - **Mark moved to remain with Common Good Missoula if we don't have to continue paying dues, otherwise to cut ties, Daniel seconded, motion passed**
  - **National Convention - costs about \$3000 to send two people, want to put money away every quarter. Rachel moved to set aside \$200 every quarter from dues payments, Mark seconded, motion passed**
  - **Eco-Socialists - interested in restarting**
    - **Brian, Daniel, Alessandro and Chester are interested in being a part**
    - **Potential projects - pesticide ban in Missoula, ballot initiative to ban single-use plastics, report on local issues, assist political campaigns**
  - **Merch - putting together a Design Team to come up with designs for t-shirts as well as chapter logo, will discuss and vote on at next business meeting**