

January 6, 2024 - DSA Business Meeting

Present: Wren, Mark, Rachel, Brendan, Daniel, Steven, Liam, Alessandro, Brian, David, Sandy, Sarah, Chester

Intros: What trend would you want to bring back?

Roles:

- Facilitator: Brendan
- Timekeeper: Rachel
- Progressive stack: Wren
- Note taker: ~~Sam~~ Brian

Approved Agenda.

Approved Previous Minutes.

Treasurer's Report (Wren): \$1448 in current budget

Announcements and Events:

- "Israelism" screening at 5:30pm on 3/11 at Library's Cooper Room
- "Spaces of Exception" screening at 5:30pm on 3/20 at Library's Cooper Room
- Newsletter submission due date: March 28th to Sarah
- "Voice of the People: Radio by & for the 99%" radio show, Saturdays 1-3pm KFGM 101.5 FM, 1015kfgm.org or podcast on <https://anchor.fm/vop-montana>
- Labor workshop "Know Your Rights!" March 21, 6:30pm at Jeannette Rankin Peace Center
- Montanans For Palestine Workshop on March 24th at Freecycles.

Working Group Reports:

- Ecosocialists(~~Joh~~ David): Starting partnership with Sunrise
- Common Good Missoula: N/A
- Housing: Pro-Housing Missoula working on Equitable Zoning initiative. Tenants Union meeting March 13th, 5pm at Good Works
- Editorial(Robbie): 2 published editorials in last month or two, see newsletter for details
- Labor(Steven): in talks with teachers union MFPE; Organizing For Power workshop coming up, 6 weeks in May & June, 1 night of lecture and 1 follow up night of review a week; flier campaign to ensure "Know Your Rights" is advertised: Alessandro, Brendan, and Daniel volunteered to help distribute.

- Unhoused Neighbors Union: Kristen Jordan initiative to disallow unhoused sweeps in extreme temperatures. Clayton, recently imprisoned unhoused tenants union rep not getting due process, calls for funds to help with legal fight, Alessandro leading; some cash donated to start the fund.

Hardware Purchases:

- Mark was able to pick up two new laptops at \$150 each. The chapter voted to buy one of them.
- Robbie picked up two wireless microphones and a wide angle webcam, costing roughly \$90, though he donated to the group.

May Day event:

- Looking to run a fun and educational BBQ to celebrate May Day. May Day falls on a Wednesday, so to encourage the most participation, we'll be celebrating on Saturday, May 4th; which also aligns with a nearby brew fest. We've got a permit for Kiwanis Park from 12-5pm. This cost \$50 and the present members voted to reimburse this expense. We have budgeted another \$50 for some food and drink, but others will be encouraged to potluck more food. A subcommittee was started to help plan and coordinate food: Rachel and Liam

Impromptu "uncommitted" primary vote option:

- "No preference" is already available as a write-in for Prez, but POTUS won't really care about MT voters in this regard. Need to register a write-in candidate for "ceasefire", "uncommitted" and/or "no preference" by April 9th for write-in to be counted in Montana for Senate race. Brian and Robbie to look into getting this setup. Registration fees unknown at this point, but present members voted to allow for up to \$200 reimbursement for this effort.

MT4P- Fiscal Sponsorship request:

- To help MT4P with their financial needs and to allow them to easily collect donations, WMTDSA could sponsor an account for them, but this would mean we are responsible for their legal use of that money which would put extra strain on our treasurer. Going to find some volunteer(s) from MT4P to take on the treasurer role and revisit later.

Open Roles:

- Harassment/Grievance Officer: with Wren having a steering committee role, we need a new HGO. David volunteered and was confirmed. Will begin transition asap.

- Communications committee: to ensure consistent presence and responsiveness on our social media platforms, we need some volunteers. Alessandro and Daniel join Rachel, Brendan, and Brian. Coordination to come later.

Upcoming Meetings & Dates:

- Editorial Working Group: Tuesday, March 19 via Zoom
- Socialize with Socialists: Friday, March 15th
- Steering Committee: Saturday, March 16 10am (Zoom and possibly in person)
- Steering Committee: Sunday April 7, 10AM (Zoom and possibly in person)
- Palestine Solidarity Rally: Bozeman, MT April? 14th
- Monthly Business Meeting: Saturday April 13, 10-11:30am (Zoom and Good Works)