



# Western Montana Democratic Socialists of America



**Monthly Business Meeting**  
**December 14th, 2024. 10am**  
**Location: Goodworks & via Zoom**

- **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’s your favorite tradition of winter holidays?”
  - Community Agreements for Respectful Discussion (brief)
  - Rotating Roles:
    - Facilitator – Brendan
    - Timekeeper – Rachel
    - Progressive stack – Brian
    - Notetaker – Steven
  - Agenda: additions and approval
  - Meeting Minutes: correction and approval
  - Treasurer’s Report (Alessandro)
    - donate to the [Schools for Chiapas](#)
  - **Announcements - (5 Min)**
    - Newsletter submissions – by **Saturday Dec 28th**
    - “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 (Brendan)
      - Socialize with Socialists post election
    - Editorial & Comms (Robbie)

- [https://missoulia.com/opinion/column/jon-tester-montana-senate-palestine-brendan-work/article\\_ee83b2be-a1e8-11ef-85f1-7f4223300a54.html](https://missoulia.com/opinion/column/jon-tester-montana-senate-palestine-brendan-work/article_ee83b2be-a1e8-11ef-85f1-7f4223300a54.html)
  - Labor (Steven)
  - Eco (Alessandro)
  - Palestine (Brendan)
    - MT4P Fundraiser results and next one coming up (Brendan)
- **New Chapter Projects (30 min)**
  - National Labor Committee - chapter resolutions for Amazon priority organizing and May Day 2028 organizing
  - Statewide DSA in Butte Summary (Mark)
  - Holiday giving/volunteer opportunities/ideas?
  - Campaign ideas from the group. What are people interested in working on? How would people like to spend time helping the DSA chapter as a whole?
    - Celebrate relevant birthdays?(Brian)

#### Upcoming Meetings & Dates:

- Saturday, December 14, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. – Western Montana DSA Chapter Meeting, Goodworks Place, 129 West Alder St., Missoula, and [via Zoom](#).
- Tuesday, December 17th, 6:00 p.m. – Editorial Working Group meeting, [via Zoom](#). All are welcome.
- Wednesday, December 18th, 6:00 p.m. - Labor Working Group meeting, location TBD and via Zoom. All are welcome.
- Friday, December 20th, 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.
- Sunday, December 22 , 11:00 a.m. – Western Montana DSA Steering/Charting Committee meeting [via Zoom](#). All are Welcome!
- Saturday, January 11, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. – Western Montana DSA Chapter Meeting, Goodworks Place, 129 West Alder St., Missoula and [via Zoom](#).