



# Western Montana Democratic Socialists of America



**Monthly Business Meeting**

**November 9th, 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: “How are you organizing your family on Thanksgiving?”
  - Community Agreements for Respectful Discussion (brief)
  - Rotating Roles:
    - Facilitator – Rachel
    - Timekeeper – Brendan
    - Progressive stack – Brian
    - Notetaker – Steven
  - Agenda: additions and approval
  - Meeting Minutes: correction and approval
  - Treasurer’s Report (Alessandro)
  - **Announcements - (5 Min)**
    - Newsletter submissions – by Wednesday November 27th
    - State Wide Montana DSA Convention in Butte...TODAY! @3pm
    - Housing (Alessandro/Liam)
    - “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 (Liam)
    - Editorial & Comms (Robbie)
    - Labor (Mark)
    - Eco (Alessandro)

- Palestine (Brendan)
  - **New Chapter Projects (30 min)**
    - Election postmortem: How can we bring in new people?
    - Need ideas for final speaker, visualizing a world after capitalism
    - T-shirts almost done/available, \$20 per shirt
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**Upcoming Meetings & Dates:**

- **Saturday, November 9, 3:00 p.m. Montana DSA Convention, to Sunday, November 10**, Silver Dollar Saloon, 113 S. Main, Butte. Join our delegates at the Montana wide DSA convention.
- **Tuesday, November 12, 6:00 p.m. – Editorial Working Group** meeting, [via Zoom](#). All are welcome.
- **Thursday, November 14, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Labor History Workshop**, Goodworks Place, 129 West Alder St.
- **Friday, November 15, 6:00 p.m. at Union Club, 208 E Main St, Missoula, MT 59802 – 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.
- **Saturday, November 16, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. MT4Palestine Harvest Ball Fundraiser**, Missoula Fairgrounds Floriculture Building, 1101 South Ave.
- **Sunday, November 24, 11:00 a.m. – Western Montana DSA Steering/Charting Committee** meeting [via Zoom](#). All are Welcome!
- **Tuesday, November 26, 6:00 p.m. – Editorial Working Group** meeting, [via Zoom](#). All are welcome.
- **Wednesday, November 27, 6:00 p.m. Labor Working Group** meeting, place TBA or by Zoom. Call/ text Mark for possible Zoom link, 406-207-1884.
- **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](#).