Western Montana Democratic Socialists of America

Monthly Business Meeting
October 10, 2026. 11am
Location: Goodworks Place & Zoom
Quorum: #/#

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: Alex, Dallas, Eva, Jane, Robbie, Brian, Mark, Nathan, Tony, Jackie, Lux, Steven, Lucas, Sarah**
- Community Agreements for Respectful Discussion (Tony)
- **Rotating Roles:**
  - Facilitator – Justis
  - Timekeeper – Lucas
  - Progressive stack – Alex
  - Notetaker – Jane
- **Agenda:** additions (below) Approved
- Update on MADCAT, Update on MT DSA, Post mortem on last Social Speakers Series
- **Meeting Minutes:** Approved pending spelling corrections
- **Treasurer's report: Jackie:**
  Checking Account:
  Income: Yard Sale: PP 9-21: $29.04, cash 9-24: $375. Expenses: 9-20: Solidarity School: $90.06; Missoula Resists: (food, 9-26): $100; 10-10, Convention Fund Transfer, Aug., Sept., Oct. 2026: $300
  Balance 9-12-26 (corrected, Convention Funds on 9-10 report were incorrect; this is corrected amt. Plus Oct. Convent. Fund transfer: $2,227.18; Balance 10-10-26: $2,141.16
  Convention Fund Savings:
  9-30: +Interest $0.05; 10-10 from checking: +$300; Balance 09-12 (corrected): $1,100.22; Balance 10-10: $1,400.27
  Montana State DSA Funds
  9-30: Interest $0.19; Balance 9-12: $4581.60; Balance 10-10: $4581.79
- **Announcements - (5 Min)**
  - Newsletter submissions – by October 22nd to Sarah
  - "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 Next Tuesday's show is on elections (continuation), following week Kristen Jordan presentation
  - Regional Organizer David Lefevre visit on Sunday, October 11th, JRPC

        - Steering Meeting: 11am - 12pm
        - Lunch: 12pm - 1pm (out to eat)
        - Training: 1:30pm - 3pm, Building a Mass Working Class Organization, everyone in the chapter is encouraged to attend
    - Protest in Kalispell: Trump coming on Wednesday, no time or venue. Nathan has room for 4 people; organizing on Signal
- **Chapter Projects (15 min)**
    - Trainings: Organizing for Power: Tuesdays Nov.10th & 17th, and Thursdays Nov. 12th and 19th, 6-8 p.m. online; Union 101 Workshop October 17th 1 p.m., on line; Solidarity School (not scheduled)
    - No Kings Rally: October 17th, 11-1, some will be gathering at 10 at the Xs.
    - We will have a table, setup at 10:30, need VOLUNTEERS to staff the table and pamphlet, hand out zines. Note: no march,
    - Socialist Bookclub (Left Hand of Darkness, Nov. 15th) 1-3 p.m., Fact & Fiction, facilitated by Brendan Work
    - Music event (Justis/Jerrod/YDSA): Plan is to book an anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist, anti-capitalist show the week before Thanksgiving at the American Legion, or some other space.
    - DSA events in NYC:
- **Working Group Reports (20 min)**
    - Palestine (Lucas): Recent event where names of children killed were read, but only got to 2 year olds in time alloted. Question of any impending protest at Fedex
    - Social & Outreach (Justis): Reviewed Kristen Jordan presentation (outstanding); she offered her mentorship for anyone interested in running for office; many are unopposed positions; can cost as little as $500. Note: County Commissioner job is running unopposed, pays $100,000. (Still an issue of getting out the word in a more timely manner, also more effective postering, can further discuss at S&O. Tony has a large list of places to post; need more volunteers to post.) Also, last Socialist Speaker Series to be moved to December from November. Reviewed change of venue for S&O to Union Club, 5:30, next on Oct. 12th, then Socialize with Socialists after, 6-8 p.m.

      It is inn the by-laws to have an extra Comms person; need to recruit new members for this.
    - Editorial (Robbie): No new editorials in September, working to get editorials onto Substack and other venues, currently only in Missoulian. The invite is

open to all, including YDSA, next meeting is Oct. 21st, every other Wednesday on Zoom, 6:30 p.m., (Robbie away 6 weeks starting 11-24, need help more during that time)

- Labor (Mark): Labor Working Group has been statewide for a year. Regular meetings are on 3rd Sunday (Oct. 18th on Zoom). Starbucks has a boycott: No Starbucks! Starbucks has a record for unfair labor practices and they are stonewalling, refusing to negotiate in good faith. National DSA and Nat. Teamsters Union has been working using "salts" to organize Amazon in the warehouses. Drivers are also starting to organize; Amazon is a tough place to organize; Amazon feels untouchable. Looking for "salts" for the Missoula warehouse, see Mark. Suggestion to look for salts on Instagram but not overtly).
- Motion made and passed to add 10 minutes to Working Group reports
- YDSA (Eva): Meeting Thursdays weekly, presently pretty quiet. Have done work on surveillance cameras; Nathan commented positively on this; there is ongoing collaboration with other orgs.regarding this.
- MADCAT (Mark): City has essentially closed a small loophole in data center zoning; Kristen Jordan has asked the City Attorney for a moratorium on data centers; it will be on agenda in the next week or two. Note: You can get on the City website and send a message to all city council members that you support a moratorium in the city and county. Can also send them a copy of the editorial Robbie recently wrote. County has a presentation on 27th on their moratorium at the Fairgrounds. Per Mark, Missoula City is more secure on this than the County.
- MT DSA (Mark): Update from Haley; Nat. Committee has no process to give us official standing. We don't need this; still up in the air about the money; we're advised to keep organizing. Will have another Zoom meeting prob. late November
- Second motion made to add 10 more minutes to Working Group updates, seconded and passed.
- Clark Fork Gun Club (CFGC) (Brian): Four people went out to the Range Days "101" presentation. It was very well done, introductory. Requested we consider asking about De-escalation training, but Robbie and Mark have the ability to train for this already.
- Solidarity Social: Great turnout but poor weather. Around 100 positions for "precinct captains "are open, for DSA is an opportunity to get more people power. Currently not doing much, opportunity for organizing neighborhood, is elected position.
- Motion was made and passed to continue the meeting for 20 minutes to discuss the issue of NYC DSA threatening to impound the funds for the NY YDSA for failing to retract their denouncement of the mayor for attending a Zionist event on Oct. 7 to commemorate the loss of life of Israelis and IDF.

There was no vote to put out a statement from our group. The general feeling was that the NY DSA threat to impound funds of NYC YDSA is not acceptable and we would like to affirm that this chapter would never act in a similar manner regarding differences of opinion with our YDSA, that YDSA is meant to be independent of our DSA.

Upcoming Meetings & Dates

- **Sunday, October 11, at 11:00 am - Steering Committee Meeting with David Lefevre,** Jeannette Rankin Peace Center (JRPC)
- **Sunday, October 11, at 12 pm - Lunch with David,** Bridge Pizza or Taco Sano
- **Sunday, October 11, from 1 pm to 3 pm - Training with David: Building a Mass Working Class Organization,** Jeannette Rankin Peace Center (JRPC)
- **Monday, October 12, from 5:30-6pm - Social & Outreach Working Group Meeting,** Union Club, 208 E Main St, Missoula
- **Monday, October 12, from 6-7:30pm - Socialize with Socialists,** Union Club, 208 E Main St, Missoula
- **Tuesday, October 13th, 5 p.m. on the Oval, No Kings Poster Making, hosted by Climate Responsibility**
- **Wednesday, October 21st, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, Editorial Working Committee**
- **Wednesday, October 14th, protest in Kalispell, further info to follow**
- **Saturday, October 17, No Kings Rally: Vote Early - from 11 am to 1 pm,** at Caras Park
- **Saturday, October 17, at 1 pm, Union 101, on Zoom,** contact Mark for details at manderlik@igc.org
- **Sunday, October 18th, 4pm, zoom, Montana Labor working group**
- **Saturday October 24, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m., DSA 101**
- **Tuesday, October 27, at 6pm - Steering Committee Meeting Cancelled due to conflict with data center update. See below.**
- Tuesday, October 27 at 6pm, Missoula county update on data center moratorium at the Fairgrounds
- November 4, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom, Editorial Working Group
- **Tuesday, November 10, 17; Thursday Nov. 12, 19: Organizing for Power Workshop,** Zoom, contact Mark to sign up at manderlik@igc.org
- **Saturday, November 14, at 11 am - Chapter Meeting,** Goodworks Place, 129 W Alder St, Missoula or via Zoom

- **Sunday, November 15, from 1 pm to 3 pm - Book Club: Left Hand of Darkness,** Fact and Fiction, 220 N Higgins Ave, Missoula
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.