

## March 28, 2023 - DSA Steering Committee

**Present:** Sandy Burch, Sarah McClain, Mark Anderlik, Robbie Liben, Jackie Reimers, Tony Davis, Arthur Endsley

*Recorded by:* Arthur Endsley

- **Motion to approve the agenda** (Sandy, Robbie), *approved*
- **Motion to approve last meeting's minutes** (Sandy, Robbie), *approved*
  - Jackie: “Good Works Ventures” should be “Good Works Place”; 90-days notice was in reference to the library, not Good Works Place
- **New Business: District calls**
  - District calls are the 4th Tuesday of every month (at 7:00 PM?)
  - Sarah will attend the District call in March (tonight)
  - Arthur will attend the District call in April
  - Robbie will attend the District call in May
  - Jackie will attend the District call in June
  - Sandy will attend the District call in July
- **New Business: April 1st Business Meeting**
  - Audio preparation... Somebody needs to show up 15 minutes early to get things working
    - \* This person should be trained by the Librarians
    - \* Robbie will take care of it for this week's meeting
  - Ice-breaker question...
    - \* Sarah: “What are you looking forward to planting in your garden?”
  - Community agreements... Robbie
  - Facilitator: Jackie
  - Note-taker: Arthur
  - Progressive stack: We'll ask someone
  - Timekeeper: Tony
- **Old Business: Labor Strike-Ready Resolution**
  - Jackie: Could vote on this tonight or put it before the membership; I think we should have the membership vote on it
    - \* Sandy: Agreed
  - *Arthur will put the Strike-Ready Resolution on the website, which Robbie can link on the Newsletter*
- **Old Business: May Day Event**
  - Union Club not available, other venues?
    - \* Free Cycles?
    - \* Robbie: Top Hat is a possibility, has very good ventilation
    - \* Mark: Asked someone at Imagine Nation

- \* Tony: We could have a May Day March to the “kiosk” (gazebo) at the Courthouse
- \* *Labor Working Group will think about other venues*
- Music? Anything other than “Basses Covered”?
  - \* Money spent toward paying for music is considered a “fund-raising cost”
  - \* Tony: Make it a “donation event;” I can chip in \$100
  - \* Robbie: You and I can both chip-in \$100 and we’ve got it covered
  - \* Free Cycles too isolated? We need to advertise the event. We should post it on community calendars, get it on the radio, go poster-ing around town... MissoulaEvents.com
- “Labor Solidarity Fundraiser,” rather than a fund-raiser specifically for the Teamsters
  - \* Jackie: This was suggested by DSA National, after a discussion at the Labor Working Group
  - \* Robbie: It’s still important to keep the focus on the Teamsters’ possible upcoming strike
- Both May Day and the Strike-Ready Resolution will be (separate) items on Saturday’s Business Meeting agenda
  - \* Jackie: We’ll be asking members to sign a strike-ready pledge in June

- **Old Business: Ukraine War Resolution**

- Mark will lead an Education Meeting on this topic on April 19
  - \* There will be discussion on a Resolution at this meeting
  - \* The resolution will be discussed and voted on at the May 6 meeting
- Where will the Education Meeting be held?
  - \* *Robbie offers his house; needs to check calendar*
  - \* Should also be on Zoom?
- Sandy: Do we have a title for the Education meeting?
  - \* Mark: “Ukraine War Resolution”?
- Sarah: Will you be offering opposing viewpoints?
  - \* Mark: Need some help developing that
  - \* Sarah: What about Timothy Snyder?
  - \* Arthur: Would be nice to hear about what the Socialist perspective on foreign policy should be, in light of bad state actors? If sanctions are bad, war is worse, what options do we have? What do we owe people suffering in other nations?
- Education Meeting on 19th too close to “Socialize with Socialists”?
  - \* *Decided to move the Education Meeting to April 26*

- **Old Business: Josh Slotnick/ Sales Tax**

- Mark: Heard nothing back so far

- **Old Business: Member Recruitment**

- Working Group Recruitment Phone Calls?
  - *Or*, Charting at Business Meeting?
    - \* Sandy: This concept comes from Labor Organizing, motivates communities to organize themselves
  - Jackie: How would you see Charting working at a Business Meeting? A big wall chart?
    - \* Sandy: Could be; it’s important to still be Zoom-friendly
    - \* Could be accomplished with a big spreadsheet
  - When should we do this?
  - Jackie: Wouldn’t phone-banking be one of our structure tests on the chart?
- **Old Business: Native Land Acknowledgement**
    - Should we send this out to the membership prior to April 1 Business Meeting?
    - Tony: I have a document prepared, can send it to someone on Steering Committee to e-mail out to the membership. But how to vote? Ranked-choice voting might be difficult for Zoom.
    - *We’ll put the vote on the agenda and send it out ahead of time*
    - Jackie: We could use opavote.com? We do have an account through DSA National. Problem is that it requires e-mail addresses for each voting member. . .
    - Robbie: We could use ranked-choice votes, then tally and announce the results later.
    - There are only three choices, we could collect pooled 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice counts, weight them, and score them
    - Robbie: Could we put exactly “What the Confederated Salish and Kootenai public relations people suggest” on the ballot (exact text)?
    - Arthur: Are we voting on the first part by plurality? We should allow people to abstain. . .
    - *We’ll use ranked-choice voting (pooling and scoring) for the three land acknowledgements, plurality for the other items*
  - **Old Business: New Business Meeting location?**
    - Robbie contacted Janette Rankin Peace Center (JRPC); they’re usually free on Saturday mornings; someone requesting has to be a member
      - \* Both Robbie and Jackie are members
      - \* Technology setup includes Zoom support
    - June is reserved for the Library; May still needs a location
    - When to meet in July?
    - Arthur: I think July 8 would be preferable to July 1
    - Jackie: Let’s try to get JRPC for May 6?
  - **Motion to adjourn** (Arthur, Robbie), *approved*