

WMT DSA Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
8/1/2023

Location: Zoom

Facilitator: Sandy

Notetaker: Sarah

Members present: 4 (Tony, Sarah, Robbie, Sandy)

Members absent: 2 Steering Committee members absent

Time	Item	Action (What/Who)
6:00	<p>Agenda additions: Lauren's student scheme Agenda Approval: Robbie moves, Sarah seconds, Agenda approved.</p>	
6:10	<p>Minutes Approval: Robbie moves to approve last SC meeting minutes, Sarah seconds, minutes approved.</p>	
6:30	<p>Fundraiser Debrief: What went well, what could go better, what we learned, how to move forward: Robbie: "I should have given last minute blasts to Arthur." Sarah: "Maybe people didn't go because strike was settled." Sandy: "We did a good job, could attract a younger crowd next time." Sarah: "With a younger band. We got \$246.00 from raffle. Btw, we were good for INB."</p>	
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6:50	<p>Convention update: Sandy wants to know where the pay pal account is for donations. Sarah wants the chapter to donate an extra \$100 from the budget (previously reserved for charity) because Mark and David need it. Robbie and Sandy approve.</p>	
7:10	<p>Electoral update -Gwen Jones, further endorsements: Gwen Jones does not want our endorsement but Arthur, Jackie and John W. met with her and cleared the air about her resentments of the DSA's history with the City Council.</p>	
7:20	<p>Next chapter campaign options: City Council: Gwen Nicholson event (Could help recruit young Missoula activists to our chapter) Common Good Missoula: It will be what it will be. Pro Housing Missoula: ?? SOC Training (Labor?): Jackie wants to opt out of the Structured Organization Training leadership.</p>	

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7:30	<p>Robbie: A server at INB named Ellie, wants to start a discussion group and has asked if the DSA would like to be involved. Sarah and Sandy like the idea.</p> <p>Sandy wants the City Council election to be our next chapter-wide effort/campaign, specifically the election campaign of Gwen Nickelson. "Any effort we make on any of these issues is a structure test." Robbie: "The primary is on Sept. 12 and the election is Nov. 7th." Robbie will write to Brandon at DSAUSA and ask about the considerations we should be aware of if we publicly endorse Gwen N. in re: our public campaigning for her. Sandy: "We should add discussion of an event for Gwen N. in early Sept. to our next business meeting's agenda."</p> <p>2024 Leadership Cohort proposal (Sandy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Training next year's steering committee -This could include meeting facilitation training for all committee chairs -Recruiting and scheduling are main tasks <p>Sandy: "I will make a list of possible/likely-looking people who could be on the SC from next March. I will make and outline and work on creating 2 Trainings for the new prospects. I will call them up and talk to them." We also need to rewrite our by-laws.</p> <p>Business meeting planning:</p> <p>Roles:</p> <p>Zoom Host: Robbie Audio setup: Robbie</p> <p>Icebreaker -Who is your favorite Polar explorer? Facilitator -Sandy Community Agreements - Tony Notetaker - Arthur Timekeeper - Sarah Progressive Stack – pick someone/Robbie</p>	

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	<p>We should stay at the JRPC. Robbie will reserve it for the next 6 months.</p> <p>Business Agenda Items (in addition to recurring items):</p> <p>Add: Our Gwen N. event planning and volunteering.</p> <p>Strike Ready Campaign Report (in lieu of Labor WG report?) Yes, good idea, as people should know what they missed. Also, Sarah will ask Jackie to write thank you emails to all donators of raffle items.</p> <p>Newsletter: If we can't find someone who wants to do the newsletter, the ed-wig/communication group should pick up the slack. (Bob and Carol are moving back to New York City . . .) We need to recruit for the ed-wigs.</p> <p>Exchange students: Robbie will ask Lauren to write a blurb for the newsletter with links. Sandy: "We have had odd requests in the newsletter before so we might as well go ahead with this."</p> <p>Adjourn: Robbie moves to adjourn, Sarah seconds, we adjourn.</p> <p>These are the minutes of the meeting o 08/01/2023 Submitted in solidarity, Sarah McClain</p>	