Western Montana Democratic Socialists of America

Monthly Business Meeting
January 10, 2026 - 11am
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 is your New Year's resolution for organizing?**"
    - Community Agreements for Respectful Discussion (brief)
    - Rotating Roles:
        - Facilitator – Rachel
        - Timekeeper – Brendan
        - Progressive stack – Brian
        - Notetaker – Steven
    - Agenda: additions and approval – motioned and approved
    - Meeting Minutes: correction and approval – motioned and approved
    - Treasurer's Report (Sarah) - $1811.01 in checking, $4580.09 savings for statewide funds, renewed Zoom for $165. Propose $200 reimbursement for Kristen for How We Win conference, seconded. Discussion: Kristen paid around $1000 out of pocket, national helped out with $800. Motion passed
    - **Announcements - (5 Min)**
        - Newsletter submissions – by Wednesday, January 28
        - "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

- Mark has office supplies to give to the chapter and anyone who wants them
- DSA had a Venezuela call on 1/6, national DSA is partnering with PSL on messaging campaigns
- Indivisible ICE protest tonight 4:30-5:30 at Beartracks
- Anti-ICE training was yesterday 1/9 at FreeCycles – how to protect abductees, figuring out roles to resist, identifying necessary on-hand equipment, how to be an organized body

- **Working Group Reports (20 min)**
  - Social & Outreach (Justis) – Speakers series: 5 planned for 2026 at Elks Lodge, first is 3/5. Book club starting at Fact and Fiction, first is 2/8 – if purchasing, please buy from F&F since they are letting us use their conference room for free
  - Editorial & Comms (Robbie) – 1 editorial in December – "I May Soon Be Homeless," want to do editorials on Venezuela. We need to make sure we are advertising and posting all of our events
  - Labor (Mark) – next mtg. Is 1/18. Has been a small bit of forward motion with General Strike 2028. Currently working with salts in Amazon here in Missoula – reach out if you are interested in being a salt. Starbucks has been on a rolling strike, do not patronize them! Regular trainings to organize your workplace
  - Palestine (Brendan) – close to having a bank account. Sam Forstag and Russell Cleveland are our two pro-Palestine candidates. April MT4P rally to press candidates on the issue. Brendan to visit some of the families that have received support
  - Electoral (Alex) – anti-pesticide campaign and tenants right to counsel are big focuses. Alex and Daniel will be co-chairing to make the group more permanent. Heading up organization for City Council Watch – what is best way to disseminate data?

- **Website Domain Renewal (10 min)**
  - Expires 1/17 – have talked about moving to Wordpress, have not made progress.
    Motion to renew with GreenGeeks for $185, seconded.
    Discussion: paying for annual subscription to web host. Fine to renew for now but we really need to move our website over – preferably within the next two months.
    Amendment: renew with GreenGeeks for $185 with expectation to have new website by April 1, seconded and passed.
    Robbie to take the lead on people interested in helping with website

- **New Chapter Projects (30 min)**
    - Elections!
        - Co-chairs – Kristen Jordan nominates Zimo, Brendan nominates Justis, Robbie nominating Marcus, Brendan nominates Alex, Brendan nominates Lucas

          Justis and Zimo are elected with 20 votes counted
        - Secretary – Rachel nominates Emily, Marcus nominated

          Emily is elected as secretary
        - Comms Officer – Robbie nominates Brian for comms officer, declined. Brian nominates Alex for comms, Marcus nominated

          Alex is elected as comms coordinator

- Adjourned

Upcoming Meetings & Dates:

- **Sunday, January 11 at 4:00 p.m. MT4P** meeting at the Rooster Cafe.
- **Monday, January 12 at 4:30 p.m. – Social and Outreach** meeting at Flippers.
- **Monday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. Union Power Caucus - MFPE** on Zoom.
- **Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. - DSA Electoral Online Forum** on Zoom
- **Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. – Editorial Working Group** meeting, via Zoom. All are welcome.
- **Sunday, January 18 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. – Labor Working Group** meeting on Zoom, reach out to Mark Anderlik for link.
- **Monday, January 26 at 4:30 p.m. – Social and Outreach** meeting at Flippers.
- **Tuesday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m. – Editorial Working Group** meeting, via Zoom. All are welcome.

- **Saturday, February 14 at 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Western Montana DSA Chapter Meeting**, Goodworks Place, 129 West Alder St., Missoula and via Zoom.