



# Western Montana Democratic Socialists of America

Monthly Business Meeting

August 9th, 2025. 11am

Location: Goodworks & via Zoom

In attendance: Robbie Liben, Rachel Calderon, Brendan Work, Taylor Lennox, Isaac Mahn, Sarah McClain, Jackie Reimers, Tony Davis, Sophie Moon, Sean Regan, Owen (FVRN), Steven Clark, Lucas Moody, Riley Carney, Anna Alonso, Andrew Johannes

- **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 favorite thing to do at the Western Montana County Fair?”**
- **Community Agreements for Respectful Discussion (brief)**
- **Rotating Roles:**
  - Facilitator – Brendan
  - Timekeeper – Rachel
  - Progressive stack – Sean
  - Notetaker – Steven
- **Agenda: additions and approval – motioned and approved**
- **Meeting Minutes: correction and approval – motioned and approved**
- **Treasurer’s Report (Jackie)**
  - Dues share \$726.39, yard sale proceeds \$440 and \$57 via paypal, \$150 donation via paypal on website
  - Balance of \$1071
  - Convention spending update - convention costs will be \$860 and \$1000, motion to approve \$400 for convention costs, approved
  - Speaker travel expense and national convention trip - travel for Christian Williams is \$307.96
  
- **Announcements - (5 Min)**

- Newsletter submissions – by **Wednesday the 27th**
- “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 (Rachel) – **speaker date changed to September 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - Editorial & Comms (Robbie) – **had one editorial in July, trying to set up a TikTok account**
  - Labor (Steven/Mark) – **beginning to move forward with statewide labor group, planning for a Montana O4P in September**
  - ~~Eco (Dave)~~
  - Palestine (Brendan) – **Palestine in the Park is 9/6**
  - Electoral (Mark) – **canvassing for Daniel Carlino, next event is 8/21 @ 6pm at Goodworks. Brendan, Taylor, Tony, and Sophie volunteered for next canvassing event, primary is September 9**
- **New Chapter Projects (15 min)**
  - **Vote on chapter being caretaker on statewide funds (10 min) – We have \$4500 in statewide funds, and have been asked to be the fiscal chair for the statewide group. This would entail extra work for the treasurers pertaining to annual reporting for the Feds. Motion to designate WMTDSA as the fiscal agent for the statewide/LR131 funds, seconded and approved**
  - **Future Canvassing Dates - Sign up (10 min)**
  - **FVRN Speaker - Organizing space (10) – Freecycles is the current plan for a regular organizing space, may need to pitch in for renting a space in the future if we choose to be a part. Will be drafting bylaws on 8/10, and general meetings are on 3<sup>rd</sup> sundays at 3pm**

#### Upcoming Meetings & Dates:

- **Sunday, August 10, 4:30, MT4P** at the Rooster Cafe.
- **Monday, August 11, 4:30 at Flipper's – Social & Outreach meeting.**
- **Tuesday, August 12, 6:00 p.m. – Editorial Working Group** meeting, [via Zoom](#). All are welcome.
- **Tuesday, August 12, 6:00 p.m. - Electoral Working Group** meeting. Call/text Mark 406-209-1884 for details.
- **Monday, July 14, 4:30 at Flipper's – Social & Outreach meeting.**
- **Sunday, August 17, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. – Labor Working Group** meeting. Text/call Mark for meeting details.

- **Monday, August 25, 4:30 p.m. – Social and Outreach** meeting, Flippers.
- **Tuesday, August 26, 6:00 p.m. – Editorial Working Group** meeting, [via Zoom](#). All are welcome.
- **Sunday, September 7, 11:00 a.m. Steering** meeting [via Zoom](#). All are welcome.
- **Saturday, September 13, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Western Montana DSA Chapter Meeting**, Goodworks Place, 129 West Alder St., Missoula and [via Zoom](#).
- **Thursday, September 18, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Evening with Kristian Williams: Prison, Parole, and Bail Abolition.** Elks Lodge.