

Proposal to Move Location of EBDSA Socialist Night School

Whereas, a democratic socialist organization that doesn't have a rich and accessible internal educational life will not develop a core membership who can tribunes for socialism.

Whereas, a focus on the political education of DSA members is a priority of the national organization.

Whereas, the Local Council recently approved a proposal and budget for the EBDSA Socialist Night School

Whereas, the first two classes of the recently approved School held at Niebyl Proctor Marxist Library have been at, or over, capacity with between 60-70 members at each class

Whereas, the outreach and advertisement for the school has been limited to internal EBDSA social media and email communications meaning there is potential for continued growth in attendance at the school

Whereas, it may be in the best interests of the school to move to a larger venue that can accommodate 75 or more members comfortably with breakout out group discussions.

Therefore, the IOC members tasks with political education propose moving the school to the East Bay Community Space on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of March, April, and May of this year, with re-evaluation no later than the second week of May (or before, if attendance lags).

Budget:

EBCS is asking the chapter to sign a 3-month, pay-as-you-go contract for \$225/night; \$100 security deposit; and one time fee of \$50 for training on house rules and procedures. The chapter could break the contract at any time but would lose the security deposit. The per night cost is \$150 more than previously allocated in the school's budget.

Total cost for all 6 nights plus additional fees= \$1500

These costs could be offset by the following: 1) incorporating a dues drive component into each class 2) passing the hat for donations or make this more formal with a "suggested donation" at the door 3) increases the number of attendees through media outreach thereby increasing donations 4) selling EBDSA swag and/or refreshments and/or other merchandise at the school.

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