

General Meeting Notes



General Meeting Notes

September 4, 2025

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Agenda:

1. Acknowledgments
2. Business Cards, Stickers, Shirts update
3. KH4A update
4. KIAC update
5. WTO/99 update
6. Social media update
7. Slack update (adding all members to all channels, Discord committee)
8. New committees (political education & labor)
9. Credit Union Update (Kitsap Credit Union)
10. Nick & Kristin Convention Recap with discussion

Notes:

- Thank you Otherwise Society!!
- Land acknowledgement
- Deadline for shirts: September 18? Trying to have them for the next GM?
 - Bulk discounts?
 - Stickers/business cards: order before next big event so we can hand them out
- KH4A
 - 6 members met for to plan handing out materials for HB1217 - rent stabilization bill
 - Tenants in MHCs that aren't aware about this, that landlords are charging over the legal 5%.
 - Looking for ready-made print material, but it's a long process otherwise.
 - Include AG's new complaint form.

- Include info about WAMHO (Washington Association of Manufactured Home Owners)
- We're talking 5k households, 48 parks.
- Kristin: call of membership to help canvass because it's so a great intro
- Brynn: volunteers? Deborah: get the tenants involved. Ask them if they'd like to help hand things out to their neighbors. We need to plan about how to approach tenants associations. Brynn: get non-members via social media. Johanna: reach out to Indivisible.
- Johanna: How to get involved? Next meeting, email announcement, calendar.
- Deborah: Monday 7pm, WA LIHA is going across the state to find out legislative priorities from everyone. Sept 8th from 6:00-7:30 @ Kitsap Community Resources Building, Bremerton.
- Goal: get started in November. Kristin, Brynn, Daniel, Emily are committed.
- Setup a Google folder for the KH4A
- Carlos: I'd be willing to help organize, as well as reach out to Indivisible
- Kristin: Rapid response training
 - Rumor control, KYR
 - KIAC has a watch party
 - [EXTERNAL] calendar items VS sending out emails to members about external events?
- WTO/99 movie
 - Outreach: Social media, libraries, Olympic College bulletin board
 - Screening date: Oct 4th @ 2pm
 - Sage: volunteering for in-person posting
- Social media
 - Let Brynn know about graphic design suggestions, overall help, etc.
 - Deborah: Can Brynn help with KH4A social media?
 - Glynnis could help with feedback (busy with 50501)
- Slack
 - Unanimous consent: adding everyone to every channel
 - Slack vs Discord
 - Kristin – Tacoma experience with migrating to Signal
 - Carlos: Slack has Accessibility for screen readers, Discord has more immediate chat features
 - Johanna: broadcast-only Discord server
 - Brynn: Slack as central source, Discord as more informal
 - Sage: Band (?)
 - Kate: A tutorial for whatever platform we decide on
 - Blair: Internal / External comms – I haven't been seeing
 - Emails are getting dropped (???)
 - Josh: Discord vs Slack presentation!
- Kitsap Credit Union
 - We're establishing a bank account there – huzzah!
 - They make it easy
- Zine

- New deadline: September 10th
- Al's working on it!
- Glynnis art on the cover!
- Moving from bimonthly to quarterly
- PDF for the website
- PEX card – talking to the steering committee
- Distribute it through Kitsap, mirroring Smokestack
- QR code
- Separate gmail for it – westsoundsocialist@gmail.com
- New issue: Housing theme – put a call for canvassers in it
- Editorial board – three-pronged, production, copy-editor & design editor
- October Zine swap – Silverdale or Bremerton library
- Carlos – misc ideas
 - On his trip, met a politician in Germany that has created an app for people to report. Anonymously report landlord malfeasance. Or contact for assistance on filling out the AG form.
 - Fundraising – Antifascist punk rock concert in Germany, fundraising for local antifa.
- General Meeting improvements
 - Steering committee's responsibility
 - Introductions
 - Action Items
- Budgetary spreadsheet

August 7, 2025

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Agenda:

- Acknowledgments
- Mamdani video + breakout discussion.
- Jared: Discuss incorporation, working on deciding which credit union we could use, other steps.
- Documentary Screening Date - Saturday, Oct. 4 (tentative).
- Slack Reorganization & Invite Procedure, steering discussion update. Potential Signal use.
- Zip Codes - <https://airtable.com/appKEEu4ChwXxycmT/shrlFo338Pmy2VepQ>
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GA4mR0z6sLAS-0eHC_gPQCj5H3L2YzXnguOwQDngV0c/e
[dit?tab=t.0](#)
- Business cards, stickers, potential motion to purchase more. Adding QR codes.
- Business boycotts and local alternatives.
- Kitsap Housing For All update. Potential motion.
- KIAC Support & Immigration Support Update.
- AOC discussion, values we can't compromise on.
- If we have time:
 - Carlos' Meeting with Indivisible groups + Poulsbo for All - Potential connections with Tony Ives and Deb Krishnadasan. Sean Arent Tacoma DSA - Ground Zero Weekend Event Awareness
 - Where do we focus our efforts now?
 - Potential motions from the membership?

Notes:

- Daniel Baca chaired the general meeting, other steering committee members in attendance were Carlos Yosten and Jared Sterling. Nick Schmitt and Kristin Lillegard were traveling to Chicago for the National Convention.
- Daniel:
 - Otherwise Society space appreciation.
 - Gave land acknowledgment of the Suquamish.
 - Read 2nd Bill of Rights, intro to DSA and our chapter.
- Agenda approved
- Zohran Mamdani keynote speech from the 2023 DSA National Convention was played, discussed briefly afterwards.
 - Noted new faces, had everyone introduce themselves.
 - It was mentioned that Zohran's speech was quite topical even looking towards today, having touched on the genocide in Gaza, Boycott-Divestment-Sanctions of Israel, and rising Fascism in the US.
 - Talked briefly about the importance of the democratic structures of DSA as it relates to Socialists in Office.
- Jared:

- Spoke on Incorporation of the chapter, its importance in terms of being able to better utilize dues we are receiving from National.
- WSDSA currently has the PEX card, ~\$1400 on it.
- Touched on desire to use credit unions, local options brought up:
 - Annika: Connection Credit Union & Peninsula Credit Union, favors Connection due to relationship with Kitsap Immigration Assistance Center (KIAC).
 - BECU (Boeing Employee Credit Union)
 - Kitsap Credit Union
- Decided to research these options more, come to the next meeting with a proposal for a specific credit union.
- Annika mentioned having another pair of eyes/ responsible party on what happens with funds and donations, specifically regarding mail being sent to one location. Establishing a precedent for transparency moving forward is important.
- Daniel: Gave update on WTO Documentary screening date (Oct. 4th, 1-2pm, Saturday) and donation model with Otherwise Society (OS), giving leftover funds from paying for screening to OS.
- Carlos:
 - Slack reorganization overview:
 - Proposed Channels with live edits from feedback during General Meeting:
 - Outreach-&-Communication
 - National Convention
 - DSA Feed
 - Eco-Socialism
 - Social-Justice
 - Electoral-Strategies
 - General
 - International News
 - National News
 - Local News
 - Introductions
 - Kitsap-Housing-For-All
 - Labor-Organizing
 - Immigration-&-Mutual-Aid
 - WSDSA-&-DSA-Events
 - Take-Action
 - Online-&-Tele-Action
 - Random
 - Reading-Group
 - Steering
 - Social
 - Zine-West-Sound-Socialist
- Jared & Daniel: More on DSA Funds

- Paying for business cards, stickers, need for making the legibility better (White Text on Red Background).
- Need to see cost comparison with Johanna's vista-print connections and a local printer.
- Brought up the need for a better system for keeping our signs and storage somewhere.
- Johanna also mentioned a potential discount for t-shirts
- Carlos: Boycotts:
 - Huelga Para La Dignidad - Boycott of grocers who use Pilgrims Pride chicken due to company's long standing abuse of undocumented labor and donations to right wing campaigns.
 - Alternatives offered:
 - Costco
 - Winco - Union/Employee owned
 - Bremerton Food Coop
 - BDS - Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions support at the DSA national scale on Israel over the genocide of Palestinians.
- Johanna: Kistap Housing for All
 - Need help for more canvassers (~5) and people willing to work together to make a "Know-Your-Rights" pamphlet (~3).
 - Rocky point forming a non-profit org, we can help with filing fees, \$100 to be donated by Carlos, reimbursed later by DSA once incorporated.
- Annika: KIAC
 - Watch party invitation for future bystander trainings for what to do when you witness or are called out to report on ICE activity in the area.
 - WAISN coordination.
 - WAISN upcoming 2-day meet and greet + organizing over Deportation Defense strategies. Sep. 11-12
- Brynn - DSA conversation/presentation on Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez' recent no-vote on removing Iron-Dome defence funding for Israel from overall military budget, which AOC did vote against funding overall.
 - Wider discussions on importance/relevance to Socialism
 - Context of DSA National weighing an AOC censure after removing their endorsement.
 - Importance of elected DSA members sticking to what their constituents want/ political committees and chapters support, and what's acceptable autonomy of an individual vs the adherence to what your direct committee has voted to support.
 - Weighed the morality specifically of defensive missile defense funding, protecting citizens of one country vs another, and how this impacts the willingness for a country to wage war on others when its defensive spending is paid for.
- Carlos: Reach out about connections with WSDSA to a wider Kitsap county activist/protesting structure.

July 10, 2025 - Convention

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Agenda:

- Decide: Watch Zohran's 2023 DSA Convention Key Note Speech and Discuss? 15 min speech, break into groups and discuss for 10 min?
 - <https://youtu.be/yA13mlaiw1w?si=aX6bepgel7LfdiLv>
- Nominate Candidates for Steering Committee
 - Co-Chair
 - Co-Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Membership Coordinator
 - Communications Officer
- SIOC participation - Vote on whether to join the state group for oversight of socialists in office.
- Creation of Committees discussion
 - Transit? Immigrant support? Mutual Aid?
- We received an offer to screen WTO/99 Documentary - has negotiable screening fee of \$150. Includes them sending a member of the documentary to facilitate post screening discussion. Link to preview below.
 - <https://vimeo.com/1073984279?share=copy>
 - Password NoWT@
 - Description: "immersive archival documentary that reanimates the clash between the then-emerging World Trade Organization (WTO) and the 40,000+ people who took to the streets of Seattle in 1999 to protest the WTO's impact on human rights, the environment, labor, and the future impacts of continued globalization."
- Bremerton Tenant Rights Update: Where are we at and next steps?
- Annika: Immigration Support Update
- Sage: Zine update
- Good of the order announcements

Notes:

- **Officers elected by unanimous consent:**
 - Membership Coordinator: Kristin L
 - Treasurer: Jared S
 - Secretary: Nick S
 - Cochairs: Carlos Y & Daniel B
- **Vote to join WA SIOC: PASS**
 - Talon question: What is the body that determines that a candidate is a DSA candidate?

- Nick: "Endorsement" is performed in different ways on a chapter by chapter basis and at the national level. Whether this is standardized and whether a distinction between chapter and national endorsements should exist is a subject of debate.
- KH4A
 - Deborah: No updates, but Lauralee Johnson is persisting with tenants union organizing by tackling issues in her mobile home park.
 - Newcomer [name?] connected with Deborah about KH4A.
- KIAC
 - Annika: Everyone should get rapid response training. Monthly training, with the next one on 07/31. KIAC is doing a watch party.
 - Annika handed out resource packets which included red cards (constitutional rights in Spanish), WAISN materials, Know Your Rights information, etc.
 - Actions for all: rapid response training, donations, KIAC Spanish-speaking volunteer needs.
 - **Steering Committee to discuss forming a migrant justice committee**
 - Kristin mentions that door-knocking for multiple issues (e.g. KH4A and migrant justice) works better
- August 5th election
 - Deborah Krishnadasin voted yes on 1217.
 - **We should advise people on how to vote!**
- Zine
 - **Johanna:** An editorial board is likely needed, **we could reach out to Blair to solicit his experience.**
 - **Daniel: Contact Bremerton zine fest** for advice
- WTO Screening:
 - Discussion about partnering with Indivisible, Evergreen Resistance, etc.
 - Could be screened at Otherwise Society and co-presented by OWS and partner orgs
 - Screening fee is \$150 but negotiable
 - Suggestion: Sunday after the large Poulsbo event at 11am, which is over at 12:45pm. Could do it after lunch at 1:30pm.
- Transportation Committee:
 - Carlos: Kristin and I have created Action Network items to email to members of the board for an initiative that would expand the ferry fleet.
- Solidarity dues:
 - **Kristin: Pledge 1% of your income to DSA!**
 - A portion goes directly to the chapter only if you pay monthly dues.
- Actions:
 - Indivisible has actions happening everywhere all the time!
 - July 17 – day of Big Trouble – 50501, Indivisible, all organizing events. They're coordinating you can go to multiple events on a single day.
 - Indivisible Poulsbo (?) has an open mic every Friday
 - Daniel: Kitsap Palestine Solidarity Coalition at the Poulsbo Viking Statue, Fridays @ 4-5pm

- Carlos: Next big day of action: August 2nd. We'll be handing out flyers at July 17th about August 2nd.

June 05, 2025

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Agenda:

- Introduction: Who you are, what you do for work / hobby, what your goals are with DSA
- Talk from WA House Rep Shaun Scott
 - Recent legislative session
 - Invitation to join WA Socialists in Office Committee (SIOC)
- Roundtable on 2025 National Convention resolutions
- Kitsap Housing For All update
- Juneteenth

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May 29, 2025

Agenda:

- [Deborah] KH4A
 - Rocky Point May 18th Meet & Greet
 - Schedule of KH4A meetings
 - Future/ Upcoming Actions, Plans
- General Meeting Location
 - [Daniel] Otherwise Society
- [Johanna] Reading Group Book Vote
 - List compiled on Slack
- [Sage] Zine writing -1st meeting (Friday, June 27th, 10:30am-12:pm)!
- DSA National Convention Delegate and Alternate for West Sound
 - Nick Schmitt is the single nominee for local chapter Delegate
 - Kristin Lillegard is the single nominee for local chapter Alternate
 - Last call for nominees for either
 - Roll Call Approval if no other nominees
 - If there are other nominees, gather names, give a list of nominees to Carlos and the election will start at Midnight May 29th and last until Midnight of June 3rd. Results must be given to National by June 6th.
- Jared: We have money!
- Calls to Action
 - June 14th is Juneteenth Freedom Festival and there are No Kings protests as well that day.
 - May 31 - 'One Family In Gaza' play @ Bainbridge Island Senior/Community Center
- Discussion: Trump tariff impacts on Kitsap County
- Co-chair elections

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Notes

- KH4A
 - How to plug in PSTU?
 - Canvassing:
 - went well, positive reaction, Spanish-speaking
 - One Spanish speaker showed up
 - Deborah: made a trifold presentation on the rent stabilization bill
 - Cats is a big issue
 - Next steps for Lauralee:
 - Getting situation with gossiping tenant and the manager straightened out
 - 2 people from m&g want to get involved – plan a social

- Deborah: many manufactured homeowners don't realize the wins
- Annika: canvassing to notify tenants about these wins?
- Meeting schedule:
 - Fold the KH4A updates into the General Meeting
- Next steps for us:
 - Awareness canvassing
 - [Nick] look back at messages from Fro and decide on how to touch base
- Meeting Locations
 - Otherwise Society
 - Accessibility issues, stairs (?)
 - Does have a projector in the room, might just be able to have zoom, so hybrid setup is possible
 - Near downtown Poulsbo, beautiful living room setting overlooking liberty bay with outside area
 - First Thursdays, could contribute financially (he said don't worry about it)
 - Non-alcoholic, very inclusive, lot of groups meeting up here, align very well with our values
 - Carlos: has a friend that does an event there that really likes it
 - Meeting next week:
 - Thursday, June 5
 - Daniel A/V hybrid meeting
- Reading Group
 - Deborah suggestion: series of articles?
 - Blair: a salon where people bring suggestions or topics
 - Daniel: if we did do a book, something proactive, more practical
 - Johanna:
 - Different timelines, different formats
 - For Monday:
 - Carlos: book chapter on El Salvador
 - Then we'll start taking suggestions for future salons
 - Future topics for salons:
 - Carlos – infrastructure, taking socialist principles and applying them to the future society
 - Deborah – housing, lots going on re: housing around the country
- Convention Delegate Elections
 - [Nick] For next week: provide an overview on the resolutions
- PEX Card
 - Temporary thing that DSA loads our money onto
 - We have until Feb to elect a cochair
- [Annika] Evergreen Park Juneteenth Festival – have to sign up by close of business June 6th
 - [Nick] Juneteenth DSA materials?

- Signup form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIg49BkQgRniLGia47q-wd6Qcl46ZfVuoIJ0_1hSqQkY1Yxw/viewform
- Trump's Tariffs
 - Daniel: Suquamish, because of tariffs, lost out on 100k a week to China competition
 - Josh:
 - noticed Seattle ports were empty. Noticed San Diego ports were empty.
 - Carlos:
 - Cost of materials is getting more and more expensive
 - DOGE cuts – really impacted PSNS at shipyard
 - Federal funding grants
 - Tariffs are impacting bid prices
 - Triple combo, see where we're at in 6 months
- Co-Chair election
 - Must happen at a local convention (?)
 - Or can it just happen at a general meeting?
 - Some Thursday in July will be the local convention – we'll elect a Co-Chair and Secretary
 - Need to learn Roberts Rules
 - Cochair responsibilities:
 - Email about meetings

Next steps

- Unassigned
 - Prep for Monday reading group (location, email, fb post, calendar)
 - Juneteenth tabling (decide on this by June 6 signup deadline)
 - Plan July local chapter convention (date, location, agenda)
 - Plan Roberts' Rules training for the chapter
 - Plan salons / presentations
- Everyone
 - Read 'Politics of Latin America' excerpt for Monday
- Nick
 - Touch base with PSTU to see how we can progress with their work
 - Check if DSA has Juneteenth materials
 - Prep resolution discussion for next Thurs
- Daniel
 - Prep next Thurs (look into hybrid setup)

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April 25, 2025

Notes

Sign up for monthly DSA subscription, not yearly so that it goes to our local chapter
501c in progress by Jared

We should make bylaws. Look at others for examples
Talk of new general meeting places: evergreen park and also Poulsbo otherwise society
Deb gives an update about house bill 1217
KH4A began canvassing all parks last year
Lauralee Johnson wants to make a tenants association at Rocky Point
Sun may 4th 2-4
Tuesday May 13th 5:30 until finished
Last year we met at Franciscan health before canvassing
We have 5 people signed up for Sunday, May 4
We need Spanish speakers
We will make a script
Sign up/contact sheet for tenants
-ideas time
Sign day party
-qr code added to them to our Facebook
Talk to Peoples exchange Bremerton for low income brake light fixing idea
Johanna or Blair might have the stickers
Prepare bylaws for next meeting
Whole Washington is going to be active for paid petition
Fast ferry is about to get neutered, grant is about to end

March 27, 2025

Agenda:

- 2025 National Convention
- Interest & Availability Survey
- KH4A
- Immigrant union leader detainment
- Town hall
- DSA Convention

Notes:

Introductions, new member flyer handout for a WSDSA Interest & Availability Survey.
Kitsap Housing

- Bill in ways and means in the state house
- 7% cap still
- \$1,000,000 in enforcement and court costs
- Some changes
 - Sunset Clause 20 years
 - Less protections from fees

- Other 'unfavorable' changes
- Anna is in contact with lawyer who is known for representing tenants
 - Tenant wants help and wants to work with DSA, perhaps canvassing
 - PSTU possible connections (Tenants Union)
- Company buying up mobile home parks and jacking up rents
 - DSA canvassing and letting people know their rights and options
 - Not just rent raising tactics, but selective rule enforcement and bills and fees.
- Focus on Rent Stabilization Bill
- Meeting every other week on Tuesday's by Zoom.
- Next Steps:
 - Waiting on rent stabilization bill
 - Other bills less crucial that can be worked on
 - Helping Rocky Point get an association going
 - Bremerton City Counselor meeting
 - Dinner Party with "sub committee" to draft language

Protests

- Tacoma anti-ice protests at Detention Center:
- Union activists targeted
- La Resistencia helps organize these protests.
- Calling campaign to Attorney General
 - Blair mentioned this
- April 5th Protests (noon)
 - Poulsbo - Indivisible
 - Bremerton - Manette - Indivisible
 - Port Orchard
- April 3rd Safeway Union Organizing
- Pro Palestine Poulsbo Protest every Friday - 4:00-5:00 in front of the welcome Poulsbo
 - Sundays alternate between Kingston and Bainbridge
 - Kitsap Palestine Solidarity are the organizers
- Possible implementation of protest channel and calendar
 - Krisitn will work on getting a calendar started

Town Halls

- Many pro-socialist statements are made by individuals.
- Sign Making Social Event
- Michelle Caldier (R) conversation
 - Surrounding taxes and frustrating statements from politicians

Whole Washington

- Organization to implement Washington Single Payer Healthcare
- Kristin is the Peninsula Regional Coordinator
- Director is a member of Seattle DSA
- We need to bug Emily Randall and other legislators
- Trying to raise funds and organize petitions

National Convention Committee Presentation

- Pre-Convention Discussion
- Once every 2 years
- What makes up DSA?
 - Chapters

- National Political COmmittee (NPC)
- National Committees and Working Groups
 - Volunteer based
- Staff
 - 22 person staff
 - At large members/delegates
- DSA Convention
 - Highest decision making body
 - Amend constitution and bylaws of org
 - NPC implements decisions made
- Theory of Change
 - Mission:
 - Remaking the economy through a worker-lens
- Socialists & Power
 - Want working class power
 - Working class power depends on Democracy
- Breakout Groups
 - What society do we currently live in and how do we get to somewhere better?

What needs to happen for a delegate to be chosen

- April 8th is when the count of members is due
- 60 members per Delegate
- Any delegate can be chosen.
- Recommend anonymous voting by National.
- Jason - We should try to establish a chapter wide process for determining what we as an organization care about and want to advocate for.
- Resolution submissions have not opened up yet.
- June is the deadline for Delegate
- **We need to recruit ~16 people for a second delegate (currently at 75, need 91, assuming no expired members turn into lapsed members by April 8th!)**

Phone Banking at Crane's Castle at 7:00pm Tuesday

Treasury and funding mentioned. DSA National needs to be contacted for access to chapter funds. Possible need for an organizing committee.

Kristin nominated and made membership coordinator.

Jason recommended collecting duty roles, Blair mentioned the possibility of decentralized duties.

It was mentioned creating more slack groups for roles and alternate groups, such as protesting.

🌹: **Actions for newcomers** 😊

- **Join DSA membership and get others to as well.**
- **Phone Banking**
- **Participate with local protest groups**

Feb 27, 2025

Agenda:

- Introductions – Why DSA?
- Kitsap Housing For All
- DSA 101
- DSA Convention
- Chapter publication/zine
- New Business

Notes:

🌹: Actions for newcomers 😊

Intros – Why DSA?

- Great to see lots of new faces!
- Motivation to get involved given the political climate with Trump.

Kitsap Housing For All

- Any questions? Post in #kitsap-housing-for-all!
- Blair & Annika gave an overview of our housing initiative, 'Kitsap Housing For All', inspired by Tacoma and Olympia
 - Note: We should write up a summary of Kitsap Housing For All and post it on our website to point people to
- Housing Next steps
 - Hiring a lawyer for Bremerton ordinance verbiage
 - City council will be amenable to the ordinance given it doesn't clash with the Kitsap comprehensive plan
https://www.kitsap.gov/dcd/Pages/ComprehensivePlanUpdate_2024.aspx
- 🌹 Getting involved with housing 🌹 (I'll post this on our [events calendar](#))
 - This Saturday, March 1, 10am @ Norm Dicks Building: Meet with 26th District rep Adison Richards, who is *against* rent stabilization HB 1217, to help change his mind
 - This Tuesday, March 4, 8pm-9pm @ Zoom: Our biweekly Zoom call for housing updates.
 - 🌹 Alicia, our chapter field organizer, will be making a special appearance this Tuesday to talk chapter strategy!
 - Monday, March 10, 6:30pm @ St Olaf's Church: Tenants Rights training
 - Friday, March 14, 10am-4pm @ Olympia: [Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day](#)

- TBD: Meeting with Drew Hansen from 23rd LD to change his mind on SB 5222 – message Annika to get involved!

DSA 101

- Blair gave a rundown on what DSA stands for and how it's structured
- 🌹 Read more about DSA's program at 2024.dsausa.org
- 🌹 Become a member for as little or as much as you can afford: <https://dsausa.org/join>
- You don't have to be a member to participate in the chapter. Invite friends and family to events, and we'd be happy to invite folks to the chapter Slack (our communications app)
- Your membership helps fund DSA national and our local chapter. It also gives you access to the members-only [discussion forum](#)
- DSA has a Discord that's open to anyone: <https://discord.gg/J2cYkub4>

🌹 Political Education Classes – What is Socialism? What is Capitalism?

- Wednesday, March 5 – Class, workers and elections - [Register](#)
- Wednesday, March 12 – Socialism vs Fascism vs Liberal Capitalism vs Social Democracy - [Register](#)
- Wednesday, March 19 – What is capitalism, how does it intersect with race and gender oppression, how is it maintained, and what opportunities do we have to overcome it? - [Register](#)
- [Email signup](#) to subscribe for more political education opportunities!

Reading Group

- Weekly Monday reading group starting the book [Ministry For The Future](#) (576 pages)
 - Chapters 1-26 - March 3rd
 - Chapters 27- 50 - March 10th (**conflicts with Tenants Rights training**. Reschedule?)
 - Chapters 51-68 - March 17th
 - Chapters 69-88 - March 24th
 - Chapters 89-106 - March 31st
- Currently meeting at The Game Wizard, but considering new locations because it's not accessible.

DSA Convention

- <https://convention2025.dsausa.org/>
- The DSA National Convention is August 8-10 in Chicago
- It's held once every two years, and chapters send delegates based on chapter size
- How do we pay for delegates to go?
- Kristin – chapter membership drive to potentially increase the number of delegates we can send

Treasurer

- Our chapter theoretically has a card funded by our membership dues.

- Next steps: contact national to get the card working, chapter incorporation

Zine/Publication

- Sage wants to start a chapter zine/publication
- Artistic output, political and creative writing
- Regular publication to keep the chapter and community informed about West Sound DSA
- Open to all as an encouraging space to foster creativity and writing ability
- Blair – rotating Smokestack political column?
- Beth – Machinists union zine fest, June 7 event?
- Echo & Maranda are professional artists and would love to get involved

New Business

- Medic 101 training, this Saturday, 3-5pm @ Common Goods Tacoma
- Echo & Maranda – building a socialist space for agriculture and food sovereignty
- Kristin – membership coordinator! Plan a phone banking event to call inactive/lapsed members to join / participate in the chapter
- Kristin – idea: educational presentation at each general meeting?

General Meeting Location

- Bremerton is actually kind of central due to folks south of Bremerton. So instead of KRL Poulsbo we're considering just doing next month's meeting at the same place – CKFR Station 41
- Security considerations to holding socialist meetings in a government building?
 - Is it unwelcoming to e.g. undocumented folks?

Jan 30, 2025

Agenda:


- Introductions
 - WAISAN Deportation Defense
 - Kitsap Housing For All
 - Chapter structure (New cochair? Steering committee?)
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Dec 5, 2024


Agenda:

- Introductions
- Kitsap Housing For All
- Socialist reading group
- Anti-fascist initiatives
- Trump & DSA
- Org roles & committees
- Future meeting locations
- Education
- WAISAN

Notes:

 : Actions for newcomers 😊

Kitsap Housing For All

- KH4A Recap
 - Johanna recapped KH4A organizing so far
 - Discussed Bremerton housing ordinance
 -  **Attend 12/17 Zoom meeting for housing organizing**
- Poulsbo mobile park towing issue
 - [Kitsap Sun article](#)
 - 12/4 Poulsbo City Council meeting
 - 30-50 people turned out to speak
 - Frustrating lack of a translator
 - Poulsbo Chief of Police present

- Organized by Carrolllynn (?)
 - **Reach out to Carrolllynn to stay involved (?)**
- DSA Housing Justice Commission
 - 🌹 [General Meeting this Sunday @ 4pm](#)

Socialist Reading Group

- Weekly on Mondays @ 7PM
- This coming Monday, 12/9, Interview discussion: "Bernie Sanders Says Democrats Have Lost Their Way"
 - [NYT link](#)
 - [Transcript link](#)
- What to read next?
 - A book on housing to inform KH4A efforts? e.g. [Abolish Rent](#)
- 🌹 **Read the Bernie interview and join us on 12/9!**

Anti-fascist initiatives

- **Contact Al about anti-fascist networks in Kitsap**
- Discussed the fascist Kitsap County official that is exacerbating Kitsap homelessness

Trump & DSA

- Discussed this prompt from the agenda form: *Are we in any danger, being associated with DSA, now that Trump is back in office? Whether it be losing a job or being put under constant monitoring. Should we start some form of organization in case the SHTF?*
 - Arthur: "It couldn't happen here", but it can and has: the red scare, McCarthyism
 - Nick: An inevitability as socialism grows, but will result from institutions larger than Trump
 - Deborah: Trump though is specifically undermining the rights of people in America
 - Annika: Conscious of the potential consequences of labelling my "socialist" – if I'm going to get in trouble, it should be for the right reasons!
 - Arthur: Red-baiting from liberals and conservatives is inevitable – be proudly socialist!
- HR 9495: ["House GOP Moves to Ram Through Bill That Gives Trump Unilateral Power to Kill Nonprofits"](#)
 - DSA discussion board: ["So the non-profit killer is probably going to pass. What is the game plan \[for DSA\]?"](#)
 - 🌹 [Sign up for DSA's Discussion Board!](#)

Org Roles & Committees


- Officers and committees
 - Nick: I think defining officers and committees is good, despite our size, because it defines who is the bottom line for particular tasks **e.g. defining Housing Committee members**
 - 🌹 **Start a committee! Take a role!**
- GDC leadership intensive
 - Nick: This weekend, I'm attending the [Growth & Development Committee's \(GDC\) "Leadership Intensive"](#). **Join me!**

- Co-chair
 - Blair has been looking for someone to join/replace him as co-chair due to capacity issues
 - Nick can't right now due to capacity issues
 - **Who wants it?**


Future Meeting Locations

- Is Poulsbo library good for general meetings?
 - Pros: Larger, tech for hybrid meetings, located in Poulsbo
 - Cons: BYO food/drink, not a bar, located in Poulsbo
- Chaos Bay
 - Large open space
 - Used to be a brewery
 - Likely doesn't have tech
- Other bar that Al mentioned
 - Owner would open the bar on Monday for reading groups

Education

- [DSA Education Committee](#)
 - [Curriculum](#)
-  [DSA 2024 Program – Workers Deserve More!](#)
- Chapter-level education / onboarding
 - Framing each DSA 2024 Program item for Kitsap County?

WAISAN

- [Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network](#)
- Deportation defense
- Rapid response
-  **Dec 16 training event**
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