

Rise and Resist General Meeting Minutes Feb 26, 2019

Notetaker: Jeanne

Intros

Livvie and Maryellen facilitating

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Rick-Town Hall w/ Nadler and State legislators. Jamie brought signs: uphold your oath; start impeachment hearings. Nadler took *Impeach* hat.

Elevator Actions – Jennifer and Jessica:

Rally with AARP and Transit Center, and at Board hearing. Stroller users.

MTA is miscounting accessible stations: count single stations multiple times. Bit.ly/keystations

Only 79 stations, not 100—Overpromising and underdelivering.

Postcard action coming up—under \$200.

Oculus-Counter protesters.

Donna and Stu: Last Thursday. 30-40 of us; third action this month; banner *Seeking Asylum is not a Crime*. Three counter protesters—MAGAt—jovie, LaureOrder, Dion. Dion dropped a Trump 2020 banner from above. They attracted a great crowd. Tried to get us riled up; our job is not to get riled. Rick, Jay, and Jamie were disengagement marshals—telling watchers what was up. Public watching were pissed—our people had to de-escalate the large crowd. Once counter-protesters simmered down, people stayed and we engaged them.

-Zach—in addition to normal trumppers, a guy came and stood behind them with a Chenchnian flag—part of independence movement—anti-semitic comments. He agreed to move away.

Next: Grand Central, 5:30-6:30.

- Donna asked floor to approve future demonstrations in perpetuity. No \$ requested. Passed.

Psizer Demo—Alexandra and Mark—Sunday, March 3 at 11 am-12:30. Outside Pfizer HQ NW corner of W 42nd and Second, down to NY Public Library. 15 groups have endorsed; 300 RSVPs on FB. Avoid pens! Message—calling out role of Big Pharma in opposing Health Act and Medicaid for All. Noon—march to NYPL—12:30 mini-rally. People interested in Marshalling should contact Alexandra.

Special guests – Kathy and Brian-Voices for Creative Nonviolence.

Active in fighting war in Yemen, secret prisons. MSF hospitals in Afghanistan and Yemen bombed. Hundreds of thousands of children under five killed. VCN resists efforts to get cover through UN. Demos at Saudi Consulate, Lockheed-Martin offices, other sites. We must end state of permanent war.

Karen—Catholic Worker Movement. (For a newspaper sub, go to kingsbayplowshares7.org.)

Take Action: Saturdays 11-12:30 at Union Square. Signs, banners. Catholic Workers and others.

Plowshares—non-violent action against weapons. Facing 25 years in president. The

Plowshares7 includes Phillip Berrigan's wife and Dorothy Day's granddaughter.

Andy—first US Soldier born after 9/11 has arrived in Afghanistan.

Martin—Patricia Okoumou. On March 1 at 2 pm at 500 Pearl Street: She has another court date—judge will consider revoking her release on her own recognizance. Punishment...

Media@riseandresist.org. Aim to get there 15-30 minutes early. She did another climb recently and that may be way they are considering bail. If she can't raise bail she'll be locked up.

Also court date for her on March 19: social media campaign "Patricia climbed because..." and 25 reasons. Patricia has appealed for funds on her gofundme page, via patriciaokoumou.com. Feeling is that we don't have enough information to act. (RaR could support an action through ERT approval.)

Elke—Who is making money from ICE. Companies with ICE Contracts. Potential targets in NYC that have strong relationships with ICE. Banks, transport companies, etc. But also ICE Foundation that supports men and women of ICE—but it closed and the Homeland Security Philanthropy Council—broader remit. Researching with LittleSis—simple tool.

CoreCivic—another company; SunTrust, MVM, Comprehensive Health Services... We could create an action that interests with the work of sister groups. Several folks volunteers to work with her in this group—calling it Dark Money.

Jobs—sign up with Donna.

Two trainings: Saturday, March 2, on facilitating.

2-4 pm. Silver Center at NYU. Email Kiddinthecity@gmail.com at NYU to get your name on the list for entry. Marshall training Sunday 12 noon to 2 pm: overlaps with Pfizer Demo. New marshals: Location TBD—email Jamierbauer@gmail.com

New Actions plus:

Adrienne—start a committee to bring people of color into Rise and Resist. Adrienne brought ten people tonight... Local issues driven by racism. Meet with Adrienne at end of the meeting.

Adriennewilliams101@gmail.com

Claire: Sunday, March 24 Climate action at Koch Plaza at the Met

—banners etc. Asking for \$400 for signs etc. After this: likely to picket Lincoln Center as well.

Sponsored by RaR. This is the fourth campaign targeting major donors at institutions. **Vote:**

Passes. \$400 max Vote: passes.

Claire: Emergency Response Team and Elections Team. Signed us on to a letter to the NY Assembly: **Vote to support ERT decision to sign letter: passed. (Info about the ERT is on the website.)**

Also, Elections Team requests authority to sign on to statements, letters, etc., from True Blue Coalition since the fight against the NY Senate's IDC, without coming to the floor or to the ERT.
Vote: Passed

True Blue asked us to endorse "Hands off the Lobbying Threshold/Fund Early Voting." Jackson Heights, **Friday, March 1. Vote: Passes, couple of abstentions.**

Wroff- Media Matters—Wednesday, March 13: Fox News is having an open house for advertisers. Protest planned by multiple groups: Passed, one abstention.

Heather: Campaign for an Elected Civilian Review Board.

Need to either change City Charter, or through a Charter Review Commission when one is open. Request for participation at Thursday, March 7, at City Hall, 6-8 pm: trying to get on panel. Endorse to pack the house, spread the word, etc. Passes.

Make a call tomorrow morning to Assembly Speaker Hastie's office to makenewyorktrueblue.org—to bring Trump crime family to justice in NY in case they are pardoned at the federal level. Tish James and the Speaker are hashing it out.

Jamie—"Principles for Demonstrating."

Effort to address hecklers, etc.: also, action guidelines that we could adopt. Suggested change: "We use non-violence as a strategy."

Rick: issue isn't just counterprotesters, but also general public... Don't stick other people with the consequences of what we've done. These principles would not limit future decisions for actions being planned. Two changes: if not comfortable with de-escalating, get someone who is better at it. **Vote: Passes: a couple opposed, a couple abstaining. Also: urge people to get someone.**

Finance: Request to approve \$23 over budget: passed.

Now we have 14,400. Some recent checks, including \$1,000 grant from the Tides Foundation.

Ann: **Brooklyn for Peace asking us to endorse campaign "Move the Money" Money be redirected from Military to Schools. City Hall : vote Passes**

#CLOSERikers: meeting this Thursday night. Also

Forum at Manhattan Community Forum NY Law School , 185 West Broadway, March 14 at 6 pm. March 20, 6 pm Community Forum at BRC 647 Fulton Street, Brooklyn

This Sunday at noon: St Pat's for All in Woodside, Queens.

Truvada and other pharmaceuticals priced out of reach: Senate Finance Committee hearing: Finance.Senate.gov.

Reclaim Pride Coalition: living up to the legacy of Stonewall. No corporate floats and no police in our march. Take palm cards. Medets every Wednesday at 7 pm at the People's Forum.

Protest this Sat at 8:30 am at Planned Parenthood, 263 Mott Street

—NYC for Abortion Rights to defend women there for health services.