

Rise and Resist General Meeting 3/5/19

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Step up and step back

Metrocards are available

New items from **Facilitators training on March 2**

We will remind everyone who is in the room has a vote

Action groups will be listed on the back of the agenda

Everyone said their names around the room

Signing: there is a time delay. So especially when there is a vote, we need to pause so that Elizabeth can have time to get a vote.

How do we make the notes available to everyone?

- Get upcoming events on the FB group.
- Comms needs to redact some information from the minutes.
- Maybe just get the actions out the next day, not all the information.
- Alexandra volunteered to help in editing minutes
- All minutes are on the RAR website

Report Backs

Pfizer Action Sunday 3/3: 150 to 200 showed up. Long picket line that covered the entire face of Pfizer. 15 groups represented. Marshalling was straightforward. Multigenerational, multiracial, lots of energy; legal picket for ½ hour, several speakers. Medical students in their white coats provided good visual presence. Marched to the NY Public Library, small pill bottles were handed out with flyers re the issues and what we can do.

Overarching issue: Medicare for all

NYPL: Rally: this is what we can do.

Mike: did a video which is unedited of the event: Vimeo

DSA, Campaign for NY health, Actup

Lloyd Doggett House, and Sherrod Brown Senate have introduced bills to regulate pharma

Jaiapal and Dingal bill in Congress

Sanders will introduce bill

NY Health Act.

Upcoming Health related action

Poor People's Campaign has reemerged, they are doing a major protest Monday March 18 at the Bull at Bowling Green. Addressing budget issues: raise new revenues from the rich, who have been getting tax cuts for 20 to 30 years.

Grand Central Action: Seeking Asylum is Not a Crime Friday March 1

Great RAR turnout, flyers, great visibility, people could take and hold posters.

Some hassling by police, but since we were not blocking any entranceways

We gave out 500 palm cards.

Mary offered to design a more professional flyer.

Next action: Oculus 5/14 at 5:30

Group is thinking about how to expand our message.

Other upcoming actions

Hold Police Accountable March 7 2019 6:00 to 8:00 City Hall

This meeting the NYC Charter Commission will decide if we get the opportunity to vote for and Elected Civilian Review Board to hold police accountable.

Joe from BLM and from this group spoke up. Goal is to put it on the ballot.

We should plan to go inside for this hearing.

www.stoppoliceviolencenyc.org

David Koch Climate Action March 24;

collaboration likely with 350, Food and Water Watch

"Koch Lies: the Planet Dies"

Goal this is a venue to highlight climate denial and the damage it has done.

Moving picket with a banner.

There will be information on the flyer: CCPA is a bill which is too conservative: carbon free by 2050; OFFA bill is much more progressive – shorter time line.

World-Wide School strike March 15; they will likely need marshals; more information coming

This is very big in Europe.

Arrestable actions In front of the Museum of Natural History

Extinction Rebellion meeting is on Thursdays: she encourages people to come to the meeting, and to attend the school strike.

Climate Action group will meet Weds at 7 239 CPW, enter on 84, Apt 3A

Tasks have not all been signed up for. Donna sent out a sign-up board.

Fox News will have a show and tell to show the advertisers who are involved with Fox.

Weds March 13, 11 am in front of Fox News 1211 Sixth Ave.

This is primarily driven by Media Matters

Mary: this is an important action to go to as all the advertisers will be there. Take Fox ads and turn them against them.

New Action

Move On: Go to Senators' offices on Monday March 11 and deliver constitutions at noon at time zones across the nation against trump's declared State of Emergency.

Straw poll: RAR by straw poll did not express interest.

Support for Patricia Okoumou Tuesday 3/19 sentencing at 8 AM.

Report: Patricia's climbing the building for children in Austin TX broke a condition of her sentencing. Action was taken. DA was very aggressive. Ron Kubie did a great job on why she should not be imprisoned. Judge said least restrictive way of addressing this. She is now under house arrest. There was much RAR support and presence in the court house. Diane: she is not doing well, she is very upset. She needs some love. Feds came to her apartment unannounced. She is upset that ACLU is not supporting her.

ACLU: actions it could take

Go on website: she needs people to bring her stuff. She lives on the North Shore of Staten Island.

There is real serious threat of jail time. Her atty Ron Kubie said this even before her action in Austin. Could be 2 months or 18 months.

She will probably be able to receive emails, take visitors, have a group that offers commissary support; a group needs to develop to take action.

Principles of Demonstrating Draft

Requests for minor changes, and some copyediting was done. The changes were discussed.

Discussion of what is nonviolence

Goal: people who come into the action need to have discussed it in advance. We do not want people to come in and up the ante.

Much of the purpose of this is the intent, and our philosophical stance on cd.

These guidelines can be emended, changed in the future.

RaR voted to approve this document.

ReelAbilities Film Festival April 2 to 9, 2019

Venues all over the city. They are offering RAR some discount tickets.

They want our social media presence.

RaR voted to endorse this film festival.

United against Racism and Fascism

Saturday, March 16, 12 pm

Foley Square, NYC

There will be actions in approximately 35 cities across Europe and South America
Report on the marshal training: 15 attended, 5 were on the coordinating committee of the group. This group, especially around this event, is very serious about having a controlled event that does not heat up hecklers and counterprotesters. This will be a good training for RaR to endorse and attend. Originally they wanted RaR to co-sponsor. That ship has sailed.

In other events that are staged by fascists, their perspective may be different.

Meeting this Saturday 12 to 3 pm BMCC Room N466, 199 Chambers Street

Mary and Livvie built a website to list all state and local political events: anything that is part of the progressive platform

www.makenytrueblue.org/events

Non Rise and Resist Actions

Clinic Escorting at women's health centers

NOW NYC asked us if we would volunteer in Queens, especially Spanish speakers

People's Forum event Friday March 15 evening of Palestinian music, movement and culture.
Look at TPF website.