

05.08.2018 RAR Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Introduction

- Any members of law enforcement here? (no response),
- No working journalists present
- Elka is the reference for presentations today

New members welcome -

Rachel will be Greeting Committee for today

Report Backs

Fox/Hannity action

Stu, Patricia, Wroff

- Thursday at 5:30pm at Rockefeller Fox News
- In the plaza that we had pointed out was public space, so we were able to use it again for a demo
- About 20 ppl showed up
- ~15 homemade signs and a lot of enthusiasm and interaction from passersby
- There was a counterprotestor but everyone was able to ignore him effectively
- Also police were present but there were not problems
- We feel it is very important to continue this action type because of refusing to normalize lies
 - But, as constructive criticism for ourselves, we want to do more social media outreach in advance to get enough physical bodies to generate a real boycott concern
 - At wroff's website there is a shortcut to be able to tweet at the companies that advertise through Sean Hannity to tell them to drop him

- Questions
- Andy - I think the click to tweet is a really potent tool, and we are hoping to incorporate this more, so we hope that we can also add this to RAR's site
 - A - Yes

Hang Up Your Badge (Police reform)

Elka, Tim, Robert

- Friday action (May)
- Marshals are needed! To arrive around 6:30pm if possible
- Action is planned to start at 7pm, but there will be planners at the space earlier in the day
- 3rd Ave and 149th St (2/5 trains)
- Hanging white ribbons from the subway and asking people to dress in white
- There will be a belt with a Schenectady police patch put on the tree
- There will be a recording played of Andy's last 27 mins of life, asking for help from the police
- People are asked to write their thoughts and prayers to be planted with the tree
- There will also be a commemorative plaque

Reclaim Pride

Jake

70-80 people in attendance from many orgs

- There is another meeting Saturday at 1:30pm at the Center
- Most everyone was in the support of the demands
- And there was definite interest to put lots of pressure on for next year
- There was an openness to Civil Disobedience at the March
- There was a communication from HOP that they wouldn't have been able to have a response to the demands in the time period, so they sent some staff members to just sit and listen without participating for the whole event
- We are continuing to assume that we are marching
- We need 4 ppl to volunteer to HOP Marshals
 - A couple of hours of training for one weekend in June
- Even if we are not marching we are going to be selling as much merch as we can at the Festival
 - We need designs! We have designers that can even improve upon rough sketches if you just want to give the idea
 - Ivy is spearheading (workingivy@mac.com)

GOAL had a meeting and is planning to have another

HOP is also potentially going to host another meeting (if they don't cancel) on May 14th

Questions

Martin

Should the message of the merch be "Reclaim Pride" or just general Pride messages?

Jake - My thinking is that we should be focusing on Resistance with a queer bent, since we are not specifically focused on Pride as an org

Jeremiah - If we do end up marching it would be good to show solidarity with some of the orgs that are arguing for police reform/abolition, etc, about the issues in the parade

Rachel - what was the slogan from last year?

A- #ProudlyResisting

Healthcare/Social Safety Net

Mark, Ann

Poor Peoples' Campaign

We have been participating in their group calls and brought some info for everyone to learn about them

- The history: launched by MLK Jr in '58
- Anti racism, anti poverty, anti military
- There was a lot of controversy about the movement being a "distraction" from the civil rights movement
- North Carolina is where People's Monday emerged because of demonstrations

4 Interconnected injustices

Racism and white sup

Poverty and materialism

Militarism and state violence

Ecological exploitation and destruction

Operations happening in 40 states

Labor Religion Coalition based in Albany are the leaders for NY

Highlight from a moral/religious perspective the issues of inequality and injustice, including people of all faiths even non-faith (secularists, atheists, agnostics)

Jumping on the Mother's Day theme, talking about children of color

For each of the weeks there is not a specific policy or law that is being pushed, just putting more attention on issues

A 40 day period of continuous actions, designed to ignite a year or two of campaigns

Every monday there will be actions in the state capitals', including Albany

Asking for a formal endorsement

Urge people to potentially participate in the actions

Questions?

Jamie

Do you know what the plan is for the action in Albany for Monday?

A- The bus will converge from around the state at 11 am, so there will be people meeting up to participate in a large no-risk rally and there will be a later event for civil disobedience that may risk arrest. The arrests should resolve easily/quickly.

Stu

Are we expected to go as individuals or as an RAR contingent?

A- We are encouraging everyone to go whichever way seems best, and to see if there are ways to get involved that we can even help to improve and add on to the existing action plans

There had been a planned speaker from the movement but they had a conflict with their final planning event.

Lynn

All the Monday events are happening in the state capital only? (A Yes)

But for the rest of the week the events will be available for here in the city? (A - Yes)

Jamie

There is also planning for a Pruitt action from 5/

Rise and Resist will be having daily actions for those and it would be great to tie in if possible

Vote for Endorsement

Passed with a clear majority

There are also resources for seeing "A Poor Person's Audit" state by state to see what the daily life of the impoverished looks like monetarily.

Picnic in Central Park

Dianne

July 21 2pm (rain date 28th)

We need a permit which will be \$\$\$

If anyone knows a good spot?

Harris - near Sheep's Meadow there will be benches

Vote for Expenditure

Passed with clear majority

Sebastian Gorka

Rick

Sebastian Gorka was going to speak at the BK GOP event, but it was cancelled (not clear how/why).

If he is found to be speaking at 5/16 as planned there is an action planned as a response.

The letter that was drafted by RAR as a response has been slightly altered to address the BK GOP instead of Gorka himself

Jay

They will likely do the same as the NRA of the day before just throwing something together

Food And Water Watch (Anti Fracking)

Todd Fernandez

Off Fossil Fuels Act

HR 36-71

Climate Movement Mondays

Every Monday night through the election, get every candidate nationwide to Congress to pledge to get off of fossil fuels by 2035, for utilities and cars.

Creates a right to unionize for green workers

Creates a seat at the table for the people of color and indigenous to take on Big Oil

Makes candidates pledge not to take any fossil/dirty fuel money

5 months of Mondays

Looking for folks to help facilitate and take point of keeping up comms between coalition

May 21st open house for volunteers

Immediacy of the issue - climate scientists are saying that in the next 20 years we will be moving beyond the bounds of the Paris Agreement and entering a very serious danger

Questions

Andy

Do you have any expenses that you are expected monetary support for?

A - we won't refuse it but don't necessarily need it

Donna

Can you repeat the name of the bill and what it's about?

A - Added above

Vote for Endorsement

Passed with clear majority

climatemondays@gmail.com

Rachel
Cards Against Inhumanity
Thurs May 17th 7-9pm
Will provide pens and cards
FB event already on the page

Finance
Jeremiah, Robert
Current
\$7500, AP -\$3400
Net \$4100 (+\$700 from last week)

With the summer coming up we are wanting to plan how best to use our money when there will be so much going on
Just remember finance gave a list of a lot of the fundraising upcoming, but we want to be mindful
Do we begin to impose a limit per action? (\$500 had been an informal amount)

IF things are getting "low" again, does Finance just announce and we will have to be mindful about budgeting or do we impose the suggested limit above?

Questions

Stu
I would like to have all the info before we can really answer, what is the expected fundraising?

Mark H
Each week we get a weekly snapshot, but what do the 3 to 6 months trends look like?
A - About 6 months ago we were pretty flush, but we did only just finish our first full year of existence and had a bit of a slump

Jake
What do you define as "low" is there an amount or percentage you are using?
A - We had been keeping a reserve of 4K, so that had been the warning threshold

Donna
I think it's important to lower the amount that people get per action, and to encourage our friends to be donating!

Jamie
I don't think there should be a limit on actions, and most of what we do is done thriftily, so we should be finding ways to do more!

I know that we have \$7.5K in the bank and \$3K that will be out, we should also think about the Accounts Payable/Receivable is influenced by people not using their full actions budget but it being earmarked

Can we have some metrocards or other forms of petty cash to help others afford participating?

Wrolf

I thought the limit was \$200, where is \$500 coming from?

A - The \$200 is what the Finance committee can approve without a floor vote, and the \$500 was just a high ceiling

Andy

As Donna encouraged, I think we should be asking for half-year donations to encourage people to donate multiple times

Also I don't agree with setting a limit

Ivy

We are not raising money at the pace that we are spending, so people have to make sure to fundraise and try to go out and get others to buy shirts, etc

Martin

I think that we would need to settle on being able to provide transportation for individual actions

Jeremiah

That's definitely in line with our intentions/values

Susan

I don't want us to be in the position of being concerned about money when we could be planning actions

Mel

When you have demonstrations, to have people to be able to ask for money from those participating

Harris

Another org uses an email to make 2K a week

Straw poll

Option 1 - Update (Wins)

Option 2 - Formalized Limit

Rent \$422.09

Our tax free prep will be 1K (already included in the net), different than the \$800 for the filing fee from the 501c3 status

Rachel

Do we need a specialized firm or could my dad that works at H&R Block do it for free?

Susan

As a tax preparer, I don't want us to move too quickly with someone who is not specialized in nonprofit, etc

Jeremiah

We think that this is the best option available to us at present since the extension deadline is May 15th, and if anyone else disagrees please make come and talk to us.

Abolish ICE // MayDay Demo // Missing People Posters

Donna/

Protested outside the ICE detention center here in NYC and went to the front door of the building and did a walking picket

Lots of people came out

Distributed leaflets with info about Abolish ICE

Went to bistros and gave to the outside diners

Had at least 2 ppl join us marching

Came into Washington Sq Park to a demo that was happening and were very well received

Great video coverage on PiX11 and The Gothamist, Jody was interviewed

We are working on stickers and poster campaigns

Questions

Mel

There is an octopus puppet with the head of the man currently running ICE, but we found out they are retiring him at July

Drive out Mercer

Jamie

Thursday at may 10th, 5pm

72nd and bway

Traffic island will be the gathering place

Banging pots and pans and whistles to make noise to get "Dark Money" out of politics

Rebekah Mercer is the "First Lady of the Alt-Right"

Wanted John Bolton as Secretary of State

Donated \$5 mil to his SuperPAC

Gave lots of money to ThinkTanks that are anti-immigration and anti-Muslim

Major stakeholder in Breitbart and in Cambridge Analytica (and it's new name EverData)

Used to support Bannon, but still supports Conway, etc

Marching from 72nd to Riverside Blvd (in building that she owns 6 apts in)

This came from the Actions Committee, we want to do a Dark Money protest every week

Questions

Elka

At 6pm not many people will be home, so maybe later would be better?

Jackie

Are Revolting Lesbians going to come?

A - Hopefully yes, we have been in contact

It is a 3 block march, so we will have to cross traffic

Facilitation

Jamie

We are going to be doing another round of facilitation scheduling, so if anyone is interested in our next cycle please come and talk to our Facilitators. Everyone is welcome.

Questions

Andy

Prior to this current cycle, we had an in-person meeting that i felt was really productive, could we try to do this again?

A - Maybe but we are getting close to the end of the calendar

We are also looking for more notetakers!!

Email rar.facilitation@gmail.com

Elevator Action Group

We were there at 10am, with a lot of press, for the closure

There will be closure on the 7 line, etc, and the plans for renovation do not include elevators and they are not ADA compliant

It is very political and it is owned by Cuomo but it is hard to get to him directly

An upcoming rally on Thursday at the Supreme Court at 60 Centre Street at 9:45am

A judge has refused to dismiss a lawsuit against the MTA

Endorsement for Thursday

Vote Passed with clear majority

Don't Bank on the Bomb

Robert

Even with the news of the Iran Deal dissolving, there is momentum towards disarmament elsewhere

May 18th - 20th (1-4pm)

Maybe do a Rise and Resist Beach outing at Coney Island to see Elka sailing her boat with the "Don't Bank on the Bomb" sign

8th St on the boardwalk

rcroon@gmail.com

Movers and Shakers NYC

3pm Saturday May 12th

Planning an intervention this weekend at the Columbus Circle statue, using virtual and augmented reality, to move away from male centric history

Created QR to scan as markers to talk about the issues of history of racism, etc, and we need support to try to get the Mayor to use our work as the additions to these problematic statues

47% of the art population identify as non-white

Questions

Eve

What's the name of the app?

A - It's not yet in the app store, so please look at the Movers and Shakers website to find it

cdhenry@palpable-media.com

We don't yet know if the police will be coming to chase us away

Vote for Social Media Distribution/Endorsement

Vote passed with clear majority

NON RAR

GAG

Jay

Will be protesting against FedEx from 12pm Friday to 2pm Sat

Gives NRA members a 26% discount, so will be protesting for 26 hrs

Vote for Endorsement (Already occurred)

Questions

Wrolf

Short on people from 4am Sat to 2pm, if anyone can join?

E-Bike Crackdown

Jody

The bikes are illegal and the mayor's office is currently cracking down on them

Make the Road NY is hosting a rally at Monday May 14th at 10am at City Hall

They have very specific demands about making e-bikes legal, and how to convert them, etc

Jake

Next week there is a teach-in with Andy Izenon for Transformative Justice

Comms

Andy

Videos from the #GetActivated Campaign for tech "how to"

Rolling out videos

Comms meets an hour before the Tuesday meetings (email media@riseandresist.org)

Merch is being sold at the end of every meeting (can take credit cards!)

Read and Resist

May 20th 632 Bway, 9th Fl

Can come without reading the book

Friday to see Peter Exhibit at the Morgan Museum

Queer Life in NYC from the 70-90s