

## RaR Minutes 05.29.2018

Welcome

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### Follow up on Hang Up Your Badge

7:08 Update action from action on may 11,

We planted a tree in the Bronx. Invited officer to come hang up his badge. Every month from now on we will send postcards once a month to police office. Will keep in touch with family to update them on progress on case. Want to geocache the tree. Does anyone know how to do that?

### 7: 12 Report back Trump Demo Lotte Hotel

Process of figuring out the demo: one of the things that happened is there was no pre-press in any of the NY papers. There was nothing in the NY press. No one was looking for the demo. For most New Yorkers they were completely unaware. Last September when he came to town at the fundraiser at Le Cirque, we said we never wanted him to be able to come to NY Without us doing something about it. The sources of information that we had were the FAA shutting down airspace; that was our confirmation. His schedule wasn't released until that morning. We are organized to do this at the last minute. We've done demos there before because that's where the state dept. stays. Police wanted us btw 52nd & 53rd, but we got there early and held down the space. That is the logistics of having the demo.

Mel: At some point they wanted us to move the demo; was there a reason for that?

Jamie: we had the whole block

Mary: How can we know if the demo is still going on? Can we send the text alert?

Andy: If you're ever wanting to know if the protest is still going on the easiest is just to message any of our accounts

Mary: You guys check those during the protest?

Andy: Yes. We try not to send out too many text alerts. If you're trying to find a RaR group on the move you can message social media.

Jackie: YAY KEN KIDD! (applause)

Margaret: Mariachis came and they were very good, then went down (inaudible) and I thought it was very good.

Jamie: when we have a pivot, we change it on Facebook.

John: To be on text alert list 40404 "Follow RAR alerts"

[???]: I never get text alerts

Andy: The first step is to email Andy or RiseandResist.org and if it's not working well we can look at the not-free text alert options and see if we want to spend the money to use a more sophisticated, costly text alerts.

#### (5) Pruitt/EPA Actions June 4-8 @EPA 290 Broadway 12-1

Speakers: Kellen, Lorenzo, Betsy

Open flag that says "Take back the epa"

Lorenzo: how many will be able to go to at least one of the 5 days?

Betsy: The reason we are asking for a show of hands and sending around the signup sheets is that it's 5 days out there and we're doing something different each day: hazmat suits, dirty water/air, plastic bags: recycle pruit, tombstones, funeral, last day (??). Who can come out at least one day? (20-30 hands up). We really really need your support. We're committed to do every single day.

Lorenzo: You can sign up for a specific day.

John: there is going to be an event page?

Betsy: there will be an event page, I'll send it to RaR group.

Andy: remember 2 weeks ago when we talked about newsletter? It should go out tomorrow.

Betsy: event at 290 broadway - EPA at Duane St. 12-1 pm

#### (10) New Actions

John: anyone with new actions come up

Rachel: Proposal to make 8-10 4th of July cards for groups we partner with to thank them for support.

Jake: One suggestion, instead of using American values, use something different

Suzan: I haven't heard of that action before, thank you

Rachel: instead of America use (???)

Vote: 50+ for, 0 against, 2 abstaining

motion passes

Rachel: reads a card as an example

Event: Thursday June 21 7-9pm 209 E 56th st. Postcard party

Last week we talked about how UFT is supporting IDC members. We are planning a demo June 4 52 Broadway 5:30 pm outside UFT hq.

This is a horrible thing. Normal teachers do not have a say. I have a friend who was a teacher. I asked her if any teachers had been approached for feedback and she sent a text that said "A young activist brought a resolution about Independent Democratic Conference. Board members said 'IDC is none of our business.' This is how it works.

### Immigration:

Speakers: Emilio, Lizzie, Patricia

E: We wanted to give you a quick update from the last few days.

Lizzie: First I wanted to give some info on child separation policy: even small children are being removed from parents at border, and held for months in detention centers without contact with parents. For months they've denied this is happening. Now they've admitted more than 700 kids were separated, more than 100 <4 years old. Trump announced a new policy to arrest everyone who crosses the border including asylum seekers. Because they will be prosecuting them for illegal entry, they will all lose their children. Because of that they've taken another 658 children. There are a lot of numbers floating around, I just wanted to make clear what's happening. It's been pointed out there are several lawsuits underway. Admin says it's for protection of children, but as many experts say, if a child is screaming "mama, mama" that is not good for the kid or parent. Later I'll talk to you about an upcoming action we'd like to do to address this.

Enrico: Children are being separated from families who aren't coming illegally. Also 1500 children have gotten lost. It's not necessarily that the children are really lost, they are assigned to families that will take care of them such as relatives. What happens is Dept. of Health says they cannot find them, but these 1500 are probably with their relatives. There might be a reason the families don't want to check in with DOH. There might be some cases of trafficking, but we might not necessarily want to screen for where the children. We might not want the DHS to find them.

Lizzie: 3rd piece of news: ACLU released a report documenting child abuse @ detention centers. Nobody has admitted to or acknowledged to this. All docs in this report which are horrible are from 2009-2014, so this is an ongoing problem with ICE & DHS, so this isn't a new issue. But this is the same place that children removed from their parents are being sent. Children are being abused, tased, sexual abuse, physical abuse.

Enrico: fourth is the murder of Gonzales on the border in Texas. She was shot by a border agent. She was unarmed.

That leads to some actions:

Lizzie: The first action is tomorrow: organized by coalitions.

Rally at Foley Square, 4PM 5/30. Various groups, Center for Democracy, Indivisible, etc. We'd like to endorse action.

Elke: when I heard about separations of parents & children one of the reasons was?

Lizzie: The government says there is a possibility of ???

John: vote for endorsement: 50+ for, 0 against, 0 abstain

Lizzie Friday June 1 5PM end family separation march from Foley sq. to DHS HQ on Varick.  
People are gathering @ foley sq. Somber, silent march. They also need marshals.

Enrico: We'd like to bring our own contingent w/abolish ICE signs

: What time should people show up?

Lizzie: meet at 5 at Lafayette/Duane

Vote: 50+ for, 0 against/abstaining

Immigration next meeting at: Thursday 7pm @ 74 Charles St. Apt. 2A

Hashtag: #EndFamilySeparations

#### (5) Book Group

Andy: reading Giovanni's room. Old classic fiction, escape from trump.

meet at 62 Broadway,

Elke: I'm curious if we can get highlights from previous sessions

Andy: We can't do that but we'll have the author do a teach-in. We don't take notes but if anything meaningful comes from discussion we'll let you know.

#### (5) Comms

Andy: Have someone from your group as a member of the FB page so you can post photos etc. from your actions. Email us at [media@riseandresist.org](mailto:media@riseandresist.org) and we'll add you.

#### (25) HOP/Reclaim Pride/Resistance Contingent

Jake: I was at HOP and it just never stops. First, confirmed next Tuesday there will be a town hall with HOP with people from mayor's office. That is an important event.

Last week I came and said HOP gave us six days to form a contingent: 10 groups 200 people each. I responded yesterday with 20 different groups. We don't know how much each will contain. They will pick 10 groups/200 people. The other groups will have to join those groups.

The reclaim pride coalition which is a group of different groups got together last weekend. There is a potential for a 'vague action' that will occur at the beginning of the parade. If you'd like more details come this Saturday at 1:30 LGBT center.

Reclaim Pride doesn't have any funding. I propose our involvement with Reclaim Pride as an action and put \$200 toward Reclaim Pride. Other groups will contribute but I think it's appropriate for us to kick in.

Jamie: [restates proposal]

Anette: To do the vague action will we need a wristband?

Jake: The vague action will involve a wristband but you won't need one

Ivy: If we give th \$200 how will we give it?

Jake: We will just pay for stuff.

Susan: I'm not sure we're allowed to do that.

Jamie: I'll offer Jake an alternative to propose: we'll set up an action where we create the postcards.

Jake: Uhhh, it would work but it other groups are contributing.

Ivy: Solution is we are listed as part of that. The same way we've had people like Act Up put their names in it. Then we can justify it to the IRS.

Jake: do our names have to be on the postcard?

Ivy: IDK

Jamie: I don't want to waste a lot of time. Let's vote on it conceptually then we'll find a way.

Alex: Give \$200 as reimbursement for expenses.

Jamie: you all can figure it out, let's vote on it as a concept.

Vote: 40+ for 0 opposed ~10 abstain

Jamie: passes but a lot of abstentions

Jake: if you want to talk about it I'll be in the back.

Jamie: how many people here will be at June 5 HOP meeting? 2-3 people

#### (10) Discussion about Restorative/Transformative Justice

Elke: last 2 weeks we've had teach ins on restorative/transformative justice. I want to know if there are ways to incorporate CD in transformative justice. Can we make things how we want them to be instead of how they are? There were some events about that

Mary: I went to one of the events and it was really moving. When I think about Orlando Brown/Eric Gardner they were someone's child/grandfather. We should raise funds to help families.

Alexandra: We talked about including restorative justice within RaR. I talked to groups to see if they do restorative justice within groups

Elke: Interested in building up CD actions that are community building and involve restorative justice

#### (5) Finance

\$4600 net worth, \$424 this week

We're selling impeach buttons in the back, in addition to the t-shirts.

#### (10) Trump Birthday Demo June 14

Mark: Want to do a big multi-group immigration action, we're going to hang back and see if that takes shape. A number of cities are doing it, we don't have details. Stay tuned.

We've been talking about some sort of action with a large cake. Small portions of ????. Just ideas. Also a food collection event.

???: Food pantries prefer monetary donations. They get stuff in bulk. Better than random cans of tuna, etc.

Jamie: if anyone is interested in coming to Actions Committee tomorrow night UAW 356 W. 38th St 12th floor, Wed 5/30 6-8

#### (5) Queens Pride Sunday

Martin: we'll have a booth 75th St. & 37th Road in Jackson Heights. We'll be selling t-shirts, handing out postcards. Jackson Heights is cool. Queens Pride isn't all corporate!

(10) Non RaR Actions & Announcements

Ken: This Saturday 6/2 , Gays Against Guns is doing NRA Sashay Away runway at Korean War Veterans Park 277 Cadman Plaza E. 11:30-12:30. Wear orange.

John: vote to endorse:

Vote: 50+ for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Andy: NY State Democratic party partnering with swing left OFA NY Democrat lawyers councils to train volunteers in campaign skills to help Democrats win in Nov. Saturday June 2, 10 am Schomburg Center. Sign up will be in newsletter.

Jamie: we're at end of meeting, thanks everyone.