

07.24.2018 RAR Meeting Minutes

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- Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm at the Church of the Village, 201 W 13th St.

Meeting Introduction

- Any on-duty of NYPD or any other law enforcement (none responded), any working journalists? (none responded), stay off your phone and social media, don't broadcast meeting on social media or put any photos on social media, step up/step back, raise your hand and give name and preferred pronouns
- Welcome new members (Livvie)

Elections

- L - We have been mostly focused on the state government of NY and trying to get rid of the IDC (Independent Democratic C)
- We have helped to find candidates to oppose each of these turncoat Dems
- Alessandra Biaggi is running against Jeff Klein, the leader and main funder of the IDC, and so the Elections Group will be going up to the Bronx this weekend to help organize for her
- On the RAR FB page there is a google doc to sign up for helping

Ed

- Do you know Alessandra's position is on Abolish ICE and/or BLM?
- No, not off the top of my head but we have a very exhaustive candidate survey that preceded our endorsement of her

Cherie

- Jessica Ramos of Astoria will be canvassing on Sunday as well

Ann

- Can you update us on the Jazz Robinson campaign about the ballot issues?

- L - I don't know the most up to date info, but the issue was that a former firm had falsified signatures for her and so she was going to withdraw but what I last knew is that she has decided to stay in

Lyn

- I want to say that the mics have been better lately, but today they are bad, so please be careful in speaking today

Meeting Facilitation Setup etc. - Phillip

- We are asking for volunteers to help setup for meetings
- I am asking for a new committee to be formed, and that they will takeover the process of opening and closing the church for the meetings, since Jeremiah and myself would like to step back for the time being
- Neither of us will be here during July 31st meeting, so we will need at least 4 volunteers to run that meeting
- The responsibilities are simple:
- to be here first and to be the last one out (6:30-9:30),
- checking the mics,
- scheduling notes,
- scheduling slides

Martin

- I can help close, since I'll be here
- Is there anything members are doing to make closing difficult that we need to address?
- P - We have the space until 9:30 so generally it hasn't been an issue if ppl meet after the meeting

Mel

- I can help with the offline parts of the process

Lynn

- I am happy to help, but I will not be here till after next week

Jay

- I am suggesting instead that we have people who are interested come up to Phillip at the end of the meeting or reach out over email (rar.locations@gmail.com)

Return *The* Children (Instead of Return Their Children)

Jamie, MaryEllen

- We changed the name of the action after discussion at length
- There will be signs that say "return the children", there will be a picket, and props
- A legal picket from 12:30 - 1:30 tomorrow outside of Trump Tower
- There will be empty strollers with us to represent the missing children
- There are more than 3K children (42 school buses worth) that have been separated

- Yesterday the gov put out a statement that there are about 2500 children being held, and about 400 parents/guardians that had already been deported
- (We will be bringing the court's order/decision about the need to return the children as info for the picket)
- Children had been separated from siblings as well, because they weren't "parents" and/or were in different categories
- The language of infestation, and the purposeful government malfeasance of refusing to comply with the court orders and to have not keep track of the separations
- Until there is 100% compliance this will not end and we will not let it go
- 1 child is too many and any guardian deported without a child was already too many
- There is also a potential for a vague action during this time and we will need marshals for the picket since many of the more regular marshals will likely be participating in that
- We also need volunteers to help bring more posters and you have to be there absolutely by 12:30 rain or shine (Cherie)
- Who all can be there? Most of the room raised hands, about 60 ppl

Questions

Ann

- I am willing to help use my car if you need help with transporting in the rain, etc?
- J - Yes for the strollers, please!

Comms

Martin

- We are almost settled on a blog forum, we are leaning towards Medium and may post to Tumblr as well
- We are looking for suggestions for the blog name at media@riseandresist.org over the week
- Tomorrow at Foley Square at Occupy ICE there will be a live streaming tutorial at 6 pm

Read and Resist

Andy

- Violent Borders by --- Jones
- How to walk back the closed borders and anti-immigrant bias and violence that are currently happening
- The author is a professor in Hawaii but he will be joining by video chat
- He has been traveling the world studying this
- You are welcome at the meeting whether or not you were able to read/finish the book
- Sunday August 5th

Rent Collection / New Member Reminder (\$264)

New Actions

Patricia

- Can someone help me to better understand the pronoun convo?
- August 3rd at 10am 500 Pearl st in Manhattan I will be returning to court
- I am asking the floor permission to bring banners, signs, and stickers, to the court especially those being used in "Return The Children"
- And that for any media contact that we redirect them to the issue of the children

Questions

Jamie

- You would like ppl to accompany you inside the court and come out with you after the hearing is completed?
- P - yes, if you feel comfortable

Jackie

- Can we bring the visuals inside the courtroom?
- It's unlikely

Alexandra

- I would suggest we all try to be there about 1 hr or 30 mins early at least

Jamie

- Since Patricia had a different entrance last time, I want to give everyone an idea of the process to come in at 500 Pearl, it's like at TSA style check-in with metal detectors and you WILL have to check your phone and you may not even be able to wear a political message t-shirt or may be asked to cover it

Livvie

- If they change the time of the court date is there a way to let us know?
- P - we will do the best we can but it is very unlikely to change

Vote to use materials from Return The Children Action at P's court date

Approved with strong majority

Postcard Party Rachel

- 48 postcards for registered Dems
- For a close race to increase turnout
- Mary designs the cards herself
- We also did 13 cards for the children in detention and had a message in Spanish in the cards
- 209 E 56th St 6B

GENDA/Marty Gold Protest - Martin

- Curious to hear if people are interested to protest about the fact that GENDA has not been voted on in NY (partially due to the IDC, but also Marty Gold who is up for re-election)
- His brother has a club in Bay Ridge that I would like to demonstrate in front of
- After the Sept 13th Primary so that it is a clear message for who else to support

- The intent is to create awareness about the campaign and to help elect a Dem instead of the bad Rep State Senator
- Email at checkoutthatlady@gmail.com

Question

Tim

- Why the choice to do it outside of his brother's club rather than his home or his office?
- M - Fight Back Bay Ridge had suggested the club because he himself owns the property and does dealings there and it's thought to be shady

Mark H

- I assume you will be working with Trans groups/orgs in planning this?
- -
- We had occupied and slept in front of politicians' houses in Seattle, would you be interested to do that?

Whitney Museum

Andy

- We are thinking about another museum outing the exhibit for David Wojn----
 - At the Whitney for a Friday, it's a pay what you want sliding scale
 - About 25 ppl interested to check out the exhibit
 - Artist, activist, musician, very publically HIV positive
- <https://whitney.org/Exhibitions/DavidWojnarowicz>

Questions

Mark H

- It was great exhibit I would love to see it again, I would just suggest we go early

Abolish ICE

MaryEllen

- 1-6 this Saturday by Dyckman street there is a block party we will be flyering

Virginia

- Abolish ICE everywhere 4 days of action
- We are hoping to answer the general questions about the concept
 - What would you replace it with, etc?
- We borrowed a concept from an immigrant group to highlight complicity
- Day 1 - DiBlasio (5:30pm)
- Day 2 - Cuomo
- Day 3 - Schumer
- Day 4 - Banks/Companies that Profit

Donna

- The city has no limits on cooperation with ICE from 2003-2014 and had seized ppl to be deported from Rikers
- NYC also honored detainers to hold ppl 48 hrs beyond their release so ICE can come pick them up to begin deportation
- ICE was also able to get information from city offices to try to track down immigrants
- As of 2014 there were limits put in place to keep ICE from being able to get as much info or make warrants against anyone who had not committed a violent crime
- DiBlasio expanded these limitations to include needing city officials to review the ICE actions before they could be
- This prevents the NYPD from cooperating without permission, barring instances of “public safety concern”
- There is a list “falsely reporting an incident”, using fireworks, misdemeanor trespassing, that ICE can use to still be able to get people
- DiBlasio promotes NYC as a sanctuary city but these loopholes allow many people to still be detained
- We are going to protest outside city hall on Monday to pressure DiBlasio to get rid of broken window policing, to keep ICE off of NYC transit and public properties, not to cooperate with ICE,

Stu

- Tuesday
- We will be shouting “Don’t be complicit” as the refrain
- *get statement/script from Stu*
- Comparison to Utah which is “deep red” but allows immigrants to get drivers licenses

Mel

- Schumer
- *get statement from Mel*
- There will be a picket, a speech, and we will be going outside Schumer’s home to demonstrate, and living him a Statue of Liberty to shame him

Alvin

- Party in the face of adversity, “Wall Street Fleece Market”
- Across from the Federal Building on Wall Street
- Mock-sales and chants, i.e. using the example of monitoring bracelets and the upcharges that the gov pays to private contractors for these “services” (\$10 to make vs 100K per bracelet)
- Intended to help people on the street to know that they are complicit by doing business with banks like Wells Fargo, etc, who invest in the corporations that profit from immigrant detention
- We would like volunteers for a picket, dancers, and a general party type

Questions

Jill

- Since most of the actions are walking pickets do you have chants? I have specific abolish ICE chants and generic ones
- Group - yes we can use anyone's ideas for good chants!

Ed

- Are there FB events for these? I didn't see them on the website
- G - Yes there are
- For Cuomo messaging, the Intercept just posted an article about how Cuomo profits from his largest donors supporting Cuomo

We planned this as a part of the National Day of Action, there will be many on Tuesday and at least one more within NYC

We are also using this as a way to try to build coalition

Stu

We are working with Comms to livestream and have soundbites/videos to send out after each day of the actions

Jill

Where do we send the chant ideas to?

G - rar.immigration@gmail.com

Lynn

The immigration group has put in a lot of really great work related to this

Cosecha/Jackie + Andy

A nationwide call for the 31st against private companies that are complicit and working with ICE

-- is for the Public

Targeting 3 specific companies, b/w 5:30 and 8, protesting at Microsoft then marching to Amazon, etc

Similar to the Amazon bookstore occupation/shutdown here in NYC because Amazon provides facial recognition software that ICE uses to find immigrants

Both Microsoft and Amazon have worker led movements to pressure their CEOs to disavow working with ICE and stop supporting them

Salesforce will be the other target because of their tech being used by ICE and their attempt to cover it up by donating 250K to RAICES the nonprofit supporting immigrant proceedings (who refused the donation publically and asked instead they discontinue their services to ICE)

There will be a vague action as well to target a company that works with ICE directly (andyratto@gmail.com), there will be trainings and a call

Asking for an Endorsement for help with publicity and to support the protests/march

Mark H

I think that we are diluting our efforts if we do both things at once

Martin

I disagree and think that we should definitely do both to further foster coalition

Jackie

I think that this is a good problem to have, because it's a part of national day of action, and we are only do our action from 5:30-6:30, so we could easily join up with the other action before it ends at 8

Stu

Will the other group endorse and publicize our action as well?

A - We can ask them to, yes, though they may not. But our messaging about the profiteers is

Stu - because I feel it should go both ways

MaryEllen

This is an endorsement of Cosecha not of OccupyICE right?

A -yes

Vote

Majority passes the endorsement with a healthy group of abstentions

Donna

We forgot to ask for another \$260 for our 4 days of actions, 200 for posters and 60 for flyers, in addition to our initial 200 that has already been spent

Elections

Livvie

We are creating a newsletter about our elections activity that will hopefully be weekly

Finance

Current net worth of 10K, with that mostly being due to online contributions from 4th of July

SCOTUS discussion

An action for next Wednesday in DC

Center for Popular Democracy -

A day of action, having at least 1K ppl from all over the country, come to DC including a colleague with ALS and focusing on healthcare fights
Start at 10 am with a nonviolence training, then expected civil disobedience after at rally from 12-2pm, when we will be occupying elected officials offices

We will have buses from Union Sq at 5:30am and we are not turning anyone away for those who want to go and want to participate
dgordon@populardemocracy.org

Mark H

The house goes on recess for 4 weeks, the senate will go out for 1 week on August 6th
The judiciary hearing committee will be happening and they are hoping to get Kavanaugh confirmed by the end of August

Because they have to do all the budget bills and the Farm bill in September for the fiscal year

There will be lots of groups that will hopefully be coming together for this Supreme Court fight

There is a coalition in DC that are doing daily strategy calls

Questions

Mark M

For those who want to go to DC but can't risk arrest, is there a way to participate substantively?

Gordon

Yes, there won't be CD until starting around 2pm, and the capital police will offer several warnings generally and will even allow people to join a line to get out of the space

Ann

We will also definitely need support, court support, etc

G

Yes, for our sign up we are also asking people to volunteer to take those

Asking for Endorsement

Near unanimous approval

Other Actions

New Sanctuary Coalition

A suitcase action, since when ICE deports someone the family is only allowed to pack 1 25 lb suitcase

5:30 26 Federal Plaza bring one item you would pack for a loved one if they were being deported

Martin
96th/5th Ave to protest in front
7:45am
CPD
Also CD so potential risk of arrest

Jay
Reclaim Pride Coalition Town Hall for Stonewall 50/World Pride Vision will be 7/31 at 7pm at the LGBT Center
Formulating our plans for how to approach Heritage of Pride before their town hall on August 13th
Especially with a global queer community mindset rather than being focused on white circuit party
Please invite all your queer friends and allies, even nonRAR ppl

Sat August 4th
Gays Against Guns will be joining the March For Our Lives students at a protest at the NRA headquarters
Meeting at the Center at 5:30am to leave at 6 am to Fairfax VA, starting the action at 12pm
There will also be a social component around DC after, hoping to be back to NYC by 10pm

Ed
NYC for Abortion Rights
St Patrick's Old Cathedral
"Clinic defense" the first Saturday of every month they go to PP to demonstrate outside so we picket outside the church to delay their progression
Next Saturday at 7:45am

Andy
We are invited to a "Know Your Rights" discussion and lecture by one of the attorneys for the J20 protests that was able to get the charges dismissed against the demonstrators
Red Room 3rd floor
- Sing Out Louise will be performing outside

Satirical doc about Trump in the style of Russian campaign ad, Thurs Aug 9th on top of old American can factory, part of rooftop film festival (3rd and 3rd)

Sean Spicer also published a book and is speaking at B&N at 33 E 17th St tomorrow July 25th at 7pm if anyone wants to confront him. In order to go in you have to buy a book

Phantom

-Phantom stuff