

Rise and Resist General Meeting: 7.30.2019

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 - Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm at the [People's Forum](#), 320 W 37th St, New York, NY 10018
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Notes - Jody, **Facilitators** - Jamie and Maryellen

Introduction

- Any on-duty law enforcement present? [none responded]
- Any working journalists in the rooms [none responded]
- Stay off your phones
- Please raise your hand to talk
- Step up, step back - please feel free to participate if you're new
- Kellen has metrocards if anyone needs them to get to and from the meetings
- Went around the room and introduced selves
- A couple new members - feel free to vote - dive right in

REPORT BACKS

Picnic (Diane)

- 25 people came to the picnic in Central Park - had food and fun
- Thanks to George for getting the permit
- No arrests

Elevator Action Group (Jennifer VD)

- Monthly MTA board meeting, last week
 - Had cardboard cutout of Cuomo - useless when it comes to disability rights
 - Dominated the public portion of the meeting
 - They pushed the public portion back to the end of the meeting which is illegal
 - 32/42 speakers on accessibility
 - They repeated phrases over and over and the press repeated it
 - They were working towards a legally binding agreement for elevators in the subway
- Letter went to the ERT for endorsement
 - To Patrick Foye, Chairman of the MTA

- Asking for money that has been allocated to the 2020-2024 budget to be moved to 2015-2019 for elevators
 - Also asking them to create a legally binding agreement with a timeline for elevators
 - Ratification of ERT's endorsement - passed unanimously
- Q: Do they have any reaction regarding the lawsuits, etc?
- A: 1/3 of the board left the room during the public portion - bathroom breaks, etc
- Comment: What's astounding to me is that Larry Schwartz said that there's unused money sitting there. They suddenly found money they said they don't have
- Asking the floor for ongoing endorsement to sign letters that meet our mission statement - if it was anything outside of that, they'd bring it to the floor
 - Comment: the elections committee has that and it's worked really well
 - **VOTE: Passed unanimously**
- Thursday, August 1 - Rally at 60 Center St at 9 am to push for legally binding agreement
 - Before Judge Hagler's court session
- Jennifer has a list of things we've accomplished in the last 2 years - can send it to anyone who'd like it
 - Let's make an image of it we can promote on social media

No Raids/Close the Camps at Oculus (Donna)

- Last Thursday at the Oculus
- Over 200 people showed up - some joined us spur of the moment
- No counter protesters
- Spread out all over
- How did people feel about it?
- How do we capture people who come to those demos? How do we interact with them?
- Comment: I spoke to more people at that demo and handed out palm cards and had in-depth conversations with so many people.
 - People loved it being silent - some people aren't comfortable yelling.
 - A text alert warning went out in the neighborhood which made a lot of people join us.
 - People were hungry to know who we are
 - Designated outreach people
- Comment: I was rushing through and not part of the demo.
 - From a visual point of view, it was super successful - the way people were organized, the signage, the banners
 - As I was walking away, I heard parents explaining to their 8-year old girl why we were there and it was heartbreaking
- Shout out to Mary who made the 11x17 signs at the last minute when we realized how many people were coming
- Comment: I think our numbers made any counter protestors not say anything
- Comment: We could have given away 1000 leaflets - we only had 500
 - We could give away something that has a bit more information
- Comment: I've been continuing to post photos to spread the word
 - It would be great to have someone going around - maybe people with buttons identifying ourselves to give more info
- Comment: I kept thinking of the early actions we did - it's hard to see progress, so it was really great to see this as progress
- Comment: There was an Amazon thing earlier that day - Amazon pop up on 17th St
 - Andy went inside and heckled

- We borrowed the cage again for outside
 - Amazon closed the event for a little while and called the cops
- Comment: want to reiterate about having flyers - hybrid poster/flyer about informing people
- Comment: the flyer was good, but shouldn't it say what you can do
- Comment: it did say that
 - There are people who aren't going to come to a meeting
 - How can we capture their info to let them know about the next action
 - POSSible goal around immigration - know when our next immigratoin action will be so we can tell them
- Comment: encourage people to attend actions and direct them to the website on the flyer
- Next actions meeting: Wednesday, July 31 at 6 pm at UAW, 256 West 38th St, 12th fl

T-shirt Action at Trump Tower (Jamie)

- 20-24 people signed up for action
- Concerning Trump's attacks on the Squad
- Lots of rules at Trump Tower - can't bring signs, can't chant, etc
- We will be standing around wearing t-shirts
- Shirts designed and produced by Laurie Arbeiter - thanks to her
- Thank Robert for suggesting we print lots of them
- Comment: During the Iraq War someone in Albany wore a t-shirt in the mall and they were asked to take it off, but it made a big splash
- Q: are you doing something outside?
- A: this is just an inside action and there's no facebook event
- Q: Are we thinking about positioning for photos? For media and social media
- A: Will work with photographers on this - twofold goals, to make a statement there and to have good photos after
- Q: Would you like a financial contribution for the cost of the t-shirt?
- A: Laurie and her printer have donated them - you can make a donation to We Will Not Be Silent
 - Works in Progress is the printer

Impeach Action (Rick)

- Monday, August 5 at 5:30 pm
- In front of the Trump Hotel at Columbus Circle
- Theme is Stop the Attacks
- Usually 30-50 people
- We'll have new posters: Defend Democracy Impeach Now
- If you have the t-shirts from the above action, wear them
- Will be making photo signs of the 4 Squad plus Elijah Cummings
- Will have a poster-making party after the Action Committee Meeting tomorrow
- Comment: One of the things that made me angry is that Nadler hasn't taken a position on impeachment - perhaps we can do something about it
- Comment: the impeachment inquiry has begun

Rent Collection

August Task sign up

Climate Action Group / UN Summit (Cherie)

- Date and target for Climate Summit Week Action - Wednesday, September 25 daytime
- Gathering of Bloomberg Financial Summit - lots of bankers, world leaders, Henry Kissinger, head of World Bank
- working on messaging
- Reaching out to coalition members
- Q: Will this be a legal action? Will there be a CD component
- A: There will definitely be a legal component, CD TBD
- Talk to Cherie if you want to join the Climate Action Group
- Mondays 7-9 pm at a location TBD is when they meet
- Email rar.environmental@gmail.com for more info

NEW ACTIONS

Brazilian actions (George)

- Writing letter to be presented before Bolsonaro speaks at the UN in September
- Would be great for RAR to sign on and join actions

October 8 - Supreme Court Title 7 hearing (Jay)

- Does the term "sex" apply to sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender, etc
- Pack the Supreme Court area on that day
- Save the date

Monday, Sept 23 (Martin, Jamie)

- Eve of Trump speaking at UN General Assembly
- Potential for a big demo
- To make a dent in Trump and GOP but to also forge relationships with other groups
- Full force behind this and the Climate Action on the 25th
- We want to encompass a lot of issues
- Theme ideas:
 - We Won't Go Back
 - The Impeachment March
 - March Against Tyranny
 - March of Resistance
 - Global Warming
- Possible route:
 - 42nd St/5th Ave/Bryant Park to Washington Square Park (Dyke March route)
 - No rally, no speeches
 - Doesn't go near any Trump properties or anyplace he's likely to be, but the police won't let us do that anyway
 - Q: Would you use the library as a step off point?
 - A: Possibly - the Dyke march gets 10-15,000 people
 - Q: Is this a sidewalk march?
 - A: If it's under 1000 people, but the police will give us the street if we're enough people
- 5:30 or 6 pm march - good to do as much of it as possible during the daylight
- Comment: the messaging needs to have an international focus
 - I love the March Against Tyranny

- Would be great to have a dozen tyrants to focus on
 - Would be great to speak to the delegates of the UN and say he doesn't speak for us
- Yes, but the focus still needs to be largely on Trump because people are really pissed at him right now
- Comment: the international aspect has to be there - the immigration issue - make part of it the crisis at our border
- Comment: September 26 is the day for the total elimination of nuclear weapons at the UN
 - We need to cast a broad net and get the peace movement in
- Comment: Have you thought about marching west to east and getting to Dag Hammarskjold Plaza
- A: It's impossible to get near the UN during the General Assembly
- Any more comments regarding messaging?
- Comment: I'm not sure it's appropriate for a bunch of Americans to comment on what's going on internationally - we should highlight that Trump is an international threat
- Comment: I think it needs to include that he's a white supremacist
- Comment: I think the tyranny part is okay - we see how it fits into a pattern that's going on all over the world
- Comment: I like Global Warming - it resonates - maybe it needs another word or phrase to develop it
- Comment: immigration and international refugees should be part of it
- Comment: Hawk Newsome was kicked out the UN yesterday because he was wearing his Black Lives Matter t-shirt
- Need to get a facebook event up - might just do a photo of trump and UN with a date and time and location
- Will take it back to Actions to try to figure it out
- Would be good to authorize coalition building as part of it
- **VOTE: on approving the action without a name - passed unanimously**

Close The Camps Action on August 10 (Alexis)

- Meetup at Madison Square Park - 23rd St near B'way and Fifth Ave
- 11 am to 2 pm
- There's a pre-action meeting on August 9 at 6:30 pm at First Unitarian Church in Brooklyn for those risking arrest and those who want to participate
- Rally and then march to target
- Does anyone want to organize a RAR contingent?
 - If not, we'll just participate as individuals

Civil Disobedience and Marshal Trainings (Alexis)

- We have a training for Civil Disobedience on Saturday, August 3 at Tompkins Square Library from 11 am to 4 pm
 - Good to do the training even if you don't plan to risk arrest - need people to do support, etc, and helpful to be trained
- Next training will be September 14
- You never know when you go to an action where the police will challenge you - knowing your rights and being trained in CD will help you to push the limits - no harm in being educated
- Q: What is the capacity of the space?
- A: 60 comfortably, but we won't turn people away.

- This is going to be a very busy season - everyone who hasn't been trained should do so now

Finance (Robert)

- Collected \$187 toward costs of \$112
- Net worth: \$12,700 - increase of \$200

Gays Against Guns (Maryellen)

- Wednesday, August 7 at 6 pm
- Gays Against Guns Town Hall with Sen Robert Jackson
- Representative from Moms Demand Action, Hawk Newsome, GAG, Professor/Dean for Minority Affairs at Columbia, Harlem Mothers SAVE
- Asking for endorsement - promotion via social media
- **VOTE: passed unanimously**

Non Rise and Resist Actions/Announcements

The Uptown Coalition (Livvie)

- We worked with them to flip the State Senate
- They're focusing on ICE actions in NYC - very nascent
- Know Your Rights campaign
 - Talking to immigrants, business owners, allies, etc
- ICE Watch in Sunset Park and Kensington
- Uptown Coalition ICE Watch in new neighborhoods
- Email Livvie if you're interested in getting onto Slack Channel to get involved - elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com
- August 7 - Know Your Rights training

Food and Water Watch (Mel and Timothy)

- Cuomo has banned fracking in NYS but he's allowing things to travel through pipelines to factories in NYS
- Off Fossil Fuels - text "picket" to 718-865-3902 to be alerted of rapid response picketing actions
- Stop the Williams Pipeline - Friday, August 2 at 1 pm - 32 Court St - phonebank
- August 7 - Rally and petition delivery - Wednesday, August 7 at noon, 633 Third Ave
- August 15 - Stop the Meadowlands Plant, 4-6 pm - 116 St & Bway
- August 19 - Newburgh - Kayaking action
- August 29 - Monthly Meeting at Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th St at 7 pm

Postcard Party (Mary)

- August 5 - postcards to voters in Sarasota County, Florida to sign up for vote by mail
- Every 3 weeks

If anyone wants to provide a quote for the August 5th Action, please see Martin or Maryellen.

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