

08.21.2018 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 law enforcement here? (None responded) Anything you say in this room could be reported to law enforcement. Any working journalists here? (None responded) Stay off your phone during the meeting. Don't post photos on social media. Step up/step back. Raise your hand to speak. There's an info table at the front with a bunch of info at the front. Identify yourself with first name and preferred pronouns.
- Reading of Mission Statement
- Greeter intro (John B.) - any new members he hasn't spoken to? Any questions, talk to him.

Upcoming Marshal trainings (Jamie)

- Group planning actions if Mueller is fired - planning a demo in Times Square - asking RAR to do two marshal trainings
- Marshal training is what one needs to know for protests in NYC
- What is legal, not legal, how to plan your own demos, how to de-escalate, how to talk to the police, how to talk to demonstrators who are putting people in an unsafe situation
- Lasts about 90 mins
- Thursday, Aug 23 and Thursday, Sept 6 at 6:30 pm at LGBT Center
- Even if you don't want to marshal a demo, it's useful info to have
- Skills to protect yourself and to protect other people
- There is an eventbrite registration but you can just show up
- Q: (Rick) Is this specific to that Mueller Times Square demo?
- A: No, it will be used as an example, but it will be a generic training. You always have to be prepared for a demo to turn into something you don't expect
- Q: (Martin) Do you want us to get the word out about the trainings on social media? Should we create facebook events?
- A: Yes.

- Q: 6:30 pm until when?
- A: Usually 90 mins, 2 hours max - it depends if people show up on time.

Elections (Eve)

- This Sunday, Aug 26 Blue Wave for NY concert, 7:30 pm at Merken Hall, 129 West 67th Street
- Some politicians will be there
- Lots of Broadway stars
- No IDC NY
- Tickets are about ½ sold out - \$25-\$1000
- The IDC is a group of state senators who agreed to power sharing with the Republicans. Officially dissolved.
- Q: Is there some get-out-the vote to do? I want to work for Zellnor Myrie
- A: Various campaigns are doing that. The deadline for registration is soon/just passed
- Comment: I'm working to get people with disabilities to vote through United Cerebral Palsy
- Comment: Martin and Harris are registering people to vote at a gay bar

Disability Action (Jessica, Tim)

- 8:30 pm tonight across the street at the LGBT Center we'll be showing Cynthia Nixon's Town Hall on Disability Rights - room 101
- If you're interested, come by
- It'll last an hour
- Thanks everyone for coming to the Disability Pride Parade
- Jessica has Elevators are for Everyone stickers
- Rise and Resist has a disability action group

Postcard Party (Rachel, Mary)

- On Monday, August 27, having a second August postcard party
- Zellnor Myrie - running against the IDC in Brooklyn - writing postcards for him
- 7-9 pm at 209 East 56th St, Apt 6B
- Reminding people to vote Thursday, Sept 13

Harm Reduction Teach-In (Annette)

- Several months ago some RAR members participated in a protest against the Sacklers at the Met
- Teach-in re harm reduction next Tuesday, Aug 28 at RAR meeting
- With VOCAL-NY
- August 31st - event coming up

Meetings/Admin (Donna)

- Need people to open and close church, take notes and present slides
- Have people through the end of August

- Need people in September
- Especially need note takers
- You can apprentice note taking - take notes the same day as someone else and compare notes
- We do need note takers so that people who can't come to the meetings still know what's going on
- Q (Mel): There was talk of another location for meetings - is there any update on that?
- A (Jay): New space opening Sept 15 - space created by the activist community for the activist community. On 37th St between 7th and 8th Aves
- Regardless of where we are, we will still need people to perform these functions. Please volunteer.
- Sign up sheet is circulating. Or email rar.facilitation@gmail.com

Patricia Court Date (Patricia, Martin)

- Court date was October 3rd but it's been moved to Tuesday, August 28 at 11 am
- What does that mean? It's just routine, not a trial
- Planning an action for that day
- Action was approved already for October 3rd. Will discuss the details of the action at the Action meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) at 6-8 pm, 256 West 38th Street, 12th floor (UAW office)
- New or old members are welcome at Action Committee meeting

September 22 March (Maryellen)

- March in Inwood - build solidarity with the people in the area
- Address the white supremacists who had an action in Fort Tryon Park
- Gathering people who want to help formulate this
- See Maryellen or Lizzie Scott if you're interested in helping - figuring out a meeting time
- nycmaryellen@gmail.com

Rent collection

Any new members since the beginning? See John if you have questions, want to get on the mailing list, etc.

New Actions

Marty Goldin and GENDA action (Martin)

- GENDA has come to the state assembly floor 8x since 2003 but never to the State Senate floor
- Goldin has voted not to bring this to the floor of the senate
- Fight Back Bay Ridge wants to help us stage a protest on October 6th in front of Marty Goldin's brother's business
- Q: What if he loses his primary

- A: If he does, we'll call it off, but I think it's unlikely
- Q: Are you working with any transgender orgs or activists
- A: Yes, I've reached out to a bunch of them so the messaging will hopefully be figured out in conjunction with them
- Q: Where is it?
- A: In Brooklyn at the end of the R line. 476 76th Street, Brooklyn
- Goal is to let people know that GENDA exists and the history of it and to damage Marty Goldin.
- Coincides with an event at the Manor which is a wedding hall owned by Goldin's brother.
- Will be a walking picket outside around 7 pm on Saturday, October 6th
- Not asking for any money at this time.
- Q: Is the event that night a fundraiser or a wedding for someone?
- A: Will try to find out
- VOTE: to endorse overwhelmingly passed
- Email Martin at checkoutthatlady@gmail.com to get involved

September 12 GOP Fundraiser (Jamie)

- 6:30-8 pm - Empire Club GOP Fundraiser
- Guests: Kimberly Guilfoyle, Donald Trump, jr.
- Undisclosed location - will need to do some work to figure it out
- Would be good to do an impeach-y type action
- Picket and demo
- Are people interested in doing something?
- Comment (Jay): Kimberly Guilfoyle is Gavin Newsome's ex-wife. She used to be a democrat, but she went nuts after Gavin Newsome cheated on her. This will be fun.
- Going to refer this to the action committee to organize, but wanted to check the temperature on how interested people would be on going.
- Lots of people indicated interest.
- Will bring it back for a vote once things are more formulated.
- If you want to help, please come to Actions Committee meeting
- If you want to do some detective work, see Jamie.

Trump at the UN (Jamie)

Immigration Committee (Jody)

- Meets every other Thursday
- Meeting this Thursday at 7 pm at the Center
- Email rar.immigration@gmail.com if you want to get involved

Healthcare (Ann)

- Anti-Kavanaugh Demo
- City Hall at noon on Sunday, Aug 26th
- NYC for Abortion Rights is organizing

- Unite for Justice demo
- Asking for endorsement to encourage people to go
- VOTE: To endorse overwhelmingly passed
- May be a push to go to DC the first week or second week in September for civil disobedience
 - Someone (Darius) from Center for Popular Democracy may come to the general meeting next week to talk about it

ERT (Emergency Response Team) (Jamie)

- ERT handles endorsements that need to happen between general meetings
- People on the ERT need to be available and check their email a lot
- Need to play well with others
- 5 of 7 people have to agree for something to pass
- There is at least 1 position open on the ERT - if you're interested, talk to people on the ERT (John B and Andy are in the room)
- Comment (Andy): you don't need to sit and hit refresh on your email constantly. When an ERT request comes in, ERT members usually text each other
- ERT@riseandresist.org

Comms (Andy, Martin)

- Yesterday the Progressive Action Network did two trainings: how to write a press release and how to talk to the press
- At the height about 35 people were there
- Video was taken of it
- Materials will be shared
- Rise and Resist would like to stay involved with the Progressive Action Network - if you have a topic you'd like to see a training on or if you have a skill that you'd like to teach on, please let Andy know (media@riseandresist.org)
- Blog team is meeting on Sunday to discuss next steps - figuring out what time on Sunday
- If interested email media@riseandresist.org
- Some of our groups are setting up their own email groups, twitter accounts, facebook groups, etc. Media is here to help if you need it.
- Website pages set up by RAR groups might need updates - please take a look and send any updates to media@riseandresist.org

AGITPROP Exhibit (Andy)

- Exhibit through September
- Pay what you want/donate at any time
- Straw poll on a Sunday exhibit visit
- A dozen or so people were interested
- Will update next week on plans
- Interference Archive in Brooklyn

Read and Resist (Andy)

- Last book was Violent Borders - had a great 2 hour conversation about it
- Next book: White Fragility by Robin D'Angelo
- Sunday, Sept 23 - 1-3 pm at the LGBT Center
- Will reach out to author to see if she can join by phone
- Q: (Eve) Is there a facebook event for this?
- A: Not yet

Finance

- \$247.55 collected for rent tonight
- Robert is on vacation
- Looking for other people to learn Quickbooks and join the finance committee

Non Rise and Resist Actions and Announcements

Washington DC Action (Ann)

- Women's March, planned parenthood, etc starting September 4th-7th - there will be civil disobedience
- There is a sign up link which Ann has

Overdose (Annette)

- More people will die of overdose per year than died in the entire Vietnam War
- Hepatitis C is now the deadliest infectious disease in the US
- We're going backwards in the US
- August 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day
- Bellevue Hospital - 1st Ave between 27th and 28th Street
- Will march to Schumer's office on 3rd Ave and 40th Street
- Overdose is a politicized and manufactured health crisis - we know what we need to do, we just need to get together and do it.

MoveOn (Andy)

- The Resistance is Mobile
- Not a ton of competitive house races where we live
- Can text to Democrat leaning voters in swing areas
- Doing a training on Thursday, Aug 23 on how to do this
- Email info@riseandresist.org if you want more info

National Prison Strike (Andy)

- Starts today (Aug 21) - hard to get info on this
- There's a demo happening tonight in Brooklyn (until 10 pm)
- Look up stories on the prison strike - ways to get involved and amplify the message

Materials at the front relating to the Abolish ICE campaign

Every Wednesday at Uptown Roasters, 355 Seventh Ave in Brooklyn - postcard party (Vincent)

- #BK_Rising
- 6:30-8 pm
- Turn out 200+ postcards
- Doing postcards for Max Rose in Staten Island
- BKRISINGTOGETHER@gmail.com