

## RAR Minutes 08.28.2018

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

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Facilitators: Jennifer and Ken

Welcome

No new members

No police

Mission Statement read

### Report Backs

#### 1. Patricia's Court Date

- a. Work is about the children
- b. Each time there is an opportunity to go to a hearing it's about our presence and about the children, not necessarily about the hearing itself
- c. If jail is on the table and it's a misdemeanor, then will be a trial by jury
- d. November 5th is Patricia's next court date
- e. Judge has discretion
- f. After the hearing, everyone marched where Patricia had a sound system
- g. Question: Clarification about trial date. Ask is to have some action before the trial date that is about the children.

Answer: The trial date for now is November 5th. Experts need to be selected to verify the videos/recordings of the July 4th action. Pre-trial meeting will take place on October 15th. Judge and Ron Kuby have to meet for a pre-trial motion to see if there is a jury or not among other things. There could be sequential charges and then Patricia could be in jail for 18 months.

#### 2. Marshal Training by Jaime

- a. Regarding if Rod Rosenstein or Robert Muller are fired.
- b. Most of it was about permits, what's legal, what's not legal, what occurs during marches.
- c. Another Marshall Training at 6:30 pm, Thursday/September 6th, at the LGBT Center

- d. Even if you don't want to marshall there is a lot of really good information so people are encouraged to attend (and spread the word)
- e. Floor was asked how many people have been trained (majority raised hands)
- f. Floor was asked how many people have marshalled (majority raised hands)

### 3. Blue Wave Concert - Harris

- a. Very successful, amazing time
- b. Jay Walker spoke
- c. Packed house
- d. People came who really didn't know anything about local politics or the IDC and they left having learned a lot
- e. Comments: Jay Walker  
Program was organized with a perfect interspersal of performance and legislation that has been repeatedly passed around and sitting in the Senate due to the actions of the IDC. An entity that's there and stopping NY to advance.
- f. Comments: Jackie Rudin  
Has a lot of experience in grass-roots activism. Was great to see a lot of people who were concerned about the different neighborhoods, and were able to share ideas, and network.
- g. Question: Was this a fundraiser  
Answer: Yes
- h. Question: How much was raised  
Answer: Unknown at this time.
- i. Videos are being edited by Harris, one at time.

### 4. Postcard Party

- a. 13 activists gathered last night
- b. Rachel May and Gabby Robinson
- c. 173 postcards sent to voters
- d. CTA was to get out to vote
- e. Next postcard party, Monday, September 24th (7:00 pm at 209 East 65th Street)
- f. There will be a Facebook event posted.

### 5. Elections Committee - Livvie

- a. Lots to do....only 16 days left for the primary
- b. Sign up sheet was distributed for people to get involved
- c. Primary date is Thursday/September 13th
- d. NY Times has endorsed Ramos, (*and others not captured by notetaker*)

## New Actions

### 1. "No Fossil Fuels" - Jonathan Walker

- a. September 6th at 5:30 in Battery Park
- b. Other groups will participate: People's Climate, 350.org, Rise for Climate

- c. Leading up to global summit in San Francisco (on September 16th)
  - d. Theme: No Fossil Fuels Anywhere
  - e. Possibilities for RAR action: have an action and meet up with the rally beforehand, or meet in a place and go to the rally.
  - f. Will be discussed during tomorrow's Action Meeting
  - g. Request to floor for someone to lead the action details: no one raised their hand
2. UN General Assembly (Vague Action) - Bill M.
- a. Request for people to think about having stronger actions by running the risk of arrests, and making a big splash.
  - b. Possibilities to develop smaller groups of participants in actions
  - c. This action will entail risking arrest
  - d. Dates will be between September 18th and September 25th
  - e. Jamie: UN is in NYC for two weeks. Usually opens on a Tuesday and then the following Tuesday is when the US President usually attends.
  - f. Date hasn't been confirmed yet.
  - g. Will not occur on Jewish holidays
3. Progressive Action - MoveOn Texting Program Voting Bonanza for the 2018 General Election - Andy
- a. Every other Monday (2 hours)
  - b. There will be people there to help with laptop connections, etc.
  - c. People will show up and pick what activity they want to participate in
  - d. Last Sunday there were two trainings in that space
  - e. Will take place at ThoughtWorks
  - f. Next one will be 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Monday/September 6th
  - g. 99 Madison, 15th Floor
  - h. Vote to make this a RAR Action: majority raised hands; no, "no" votes; a few abstentions
  - i. Action passed
4. Request to Endorse action: International Overdose Awareness Day - Presented by Leon
- a. Jason Walker reached out to RAR - Leon
  - b. Date: Friday, August 31st
  - c. Location: NYC Morgue then march to Cuomo's office
  - d. Comment: Annette will give a teach-in about this topic this evening. The goal is to have approx. 300 people attend action. Please follow the link on Facebook page to register. Organizers need to know and plan.
  - e. Question: What is the demand?  
Answer: Prioritize access to opioid treatment; bring flowers to action  
 Vote to endorse action: all raised hands  
 Endorsement passed

5. Brief Announcement (discussion to be continued) Center of Popular Democracy action will take place in DC on September 4th - 7th

#### Rent collected

1. Read and Resist meeting Sunday/September 23rd, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
  - a. Location at LGBT Center
  - b. Book about how we talk about race and racist

#### Teach-In regarding the opioid crisis

1. Plan was to have a presenter from Vocal but Annette stepped in
  - a. Harm reduction - response to the Aids crisis in 80's and 90's
  - b. Easy route of transmission was the sharing of syringes
  - c. First job for Annette was to work at a safe, underground needle exchange.
  - d. Not accessible to everybody who needed it.
  - e. Chinese Exclusion Act of 1909, Drug and racism have always gone hand in hand and excluding certain populations
  - f. 1968: Atwater, republican strategist, needed to get people upset about those protesting the war. Could have a war on drugs mostly targeting poc communities. Could make pot illegal and could round up and incarcerate people. Narrative for the republican party.
  - g. 98 percent of people incarcerated from the poc community.
  - h. War on Drug users has been feeding the mass incarceration machine for decades.
  - i. Pay attention when legalization of marijuana because as in Colorado because anybody who has any kind of substance abuse then you're not allowed to participate in the business. So that means that Venture Capitalists are making a lot of money. First question to ask: is what community is the base of this drug substance.
  - j. Now it's popular that this is happening to a lot of white people. And it's true that we're dealing with the opioid epidemic than with the crack epidemic.
  - k. We've been having a drug epidemic for decades: called meth. It was the pathway to the opioid crisis. But nothing was done because it affected poor people.
  - l. Push is for harm reduction. Specifics for NY State: International Opioid Awareness Day (this Friday)
  - m. Safe injection Facility? It's for people to share needles they will have a safe place to, indoors, safe, protected from police harassment. Oslo Amsterdam, Paris have safe injection facilities. Each is different and has different services. Migrants visit because they don't have health insurance and it's a safe space for them.
  - n. Focus is on safety compassion, dignity, and services
  - o. Harm reduction is defined as "Any positive change as defined by the person him/herself." For example, I'm going to reduce the amount of alcohol I'm drinking.
  - p. Meets people where they're at. Does not have to end in abstinence.
  - q. No transactions take place on site - they used to use bathrooms.

- r. Common rule at site. People bring their own substances.
  - s. 2015: there were 15 harm reduction sites in the City.
  - t. *\*\* (Note: check with Annette regarding the four demands)*
  - u. Need people who are educated to show up and say they support this initiative, and to speak up in support.
  - v. These interventions really save lives.
  - w. Comment: Son's died 18 years ago. Things were so bad back then. His son left the facility where he was getting treatment but then wanted to get back in. This program is wonderful. But the push-back about how bad it is, and how people don't walk out cured is not good. Really encourage people to get involved.
  - x. Wednesday, August 29th at 6:30 pm at ThoughtWorks there will be a NARCAN training. Very easy to use learn (much easier than learning CPR). Everyone that attends will get the NARCAN med.
  - y.
2. Wednesday, September 12th (6:30 - 8:00) There will be a fundraiser
    - a. Two guests of honor, are Kimberly G. and Donald Trump Jr.
    - b. \$1,000 per ticket
    - c. Managed to get the correct location but it has to be validated. May be at the Yale Club (opposite Grand Central)
    - d. Will be discussed during the Actions Committee meeting on Wednesday/August 29th, 6pm
    - e. There isn't going to be a Facebook event until closer to the date.
    - f. Vote to make this a RAR action: majority raised hands, and passed.
    - g. Theme may be similar to No One's Above the Law
  3. ERT (Emergency Response Team) Available Position
    - a. Two people emailed to express interest. But they were not present this evening.
    - b. The election should be put off next week.
  4. Administration - Donna
    - a. Requests for help for four tasks: opening and closing space; taking notes; doing the supplies
    - b. Leon offered to take notes during next meeting

#### Non-Rise and Resist Action

5. Canvassing in PA - Lynn
  - a. She has a cottage there that can hold 4 - 6 people
  - b. Between now and election day if there is anyone that would like to do some door-knocking, and phone banking, and voter registration in a place where you do not know how the election will go. Please consider contacting Lynn: 646-546-6585. Email address: [lynkh.mail@gmail.com](mailto:lynkh.mail@gmail.com)
  - c. Located near the Delaware Water Gap. There are a surprising number of democrats who get up at 4 am and take a bus to NY because they didn't find jobs

there...they get home around 7:30 and the polls close at 8pm. The people need support

6. Communications Team: (dates to be confirmed for following two trainings)
  - a. "How to pitch an article (feature an op-ed)"
  - b. "Training on Signal (encrypted text app)"
  - c. Trying to locate instructors
  - d. Information will be posted to Facebook event
7. Mark Milano - 2014, Lawsuit against Doctor
  - a. September 11th, Mark will have day in Court after 4 years
  - b. Two reasons: look doctor in the eye and let him know what he did was wrong; and sent a message to every surgeon in country, that you cannot turn away people with HIV or cancer.
  - c. Mark's request is to have people to attend, and pack the court. We will not tolerate this in 2018.
  - d. After the judgment is available then can do an action outside of the doctor's office
8. Biaggi campaign
  - a. Labor Day Weekend and September 8th, 9th
  - b. Get out to Vote operation (door to door)
  - c. Sign up form distributed
9. Thursday/September 6th - Free to Pee Workshop
  - a. 55 Washington Square, Judson Church