

## 09.04.2018 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 in the room (none responded)? Any journalists in the room (none responded)? Stay off your phone, step up/step back, raise your hand and give your name and preferred pronouns
- Reading of the mission statement
- Any new members? Diane is greeter

### Marshal Training (Jamie)

- Thursday, Sept 6 at 6:30 pm at the LGBT Center - Marshal Training
- For the group organizing the Mueller demos but will be generic so anyone who hasn't gone to one, should go
- Even if you don't plan to be a marshal, will let you know what's legal and what's not and how to de-escalate and solve problems
- Not required to marshal
- Not on facebook because it's not a Rise and Resist event

### Overdose Awareness Day (Annette)

- 08/31 - international day recognizing those who've been lost to overdose
- Organized by a bunch of orgs
- Senator who introduced bill in NYS for safe consumption sites was there
- Close to 300 people there
- Met at City Morgue, marched to Cuomo's office
- Energetic, they had a casket and some really good speakers
- One of best mic checks in a long time
- Flyers would have been good; organizers chose not to do that
- Comment: are there next steps following on teach-in and Awareness Day
- Naloxone trainings - google "Naloxone trainings NYC" - easy to get trained

- Late Sept/October - series of Town Halls on safe consumption sites - will let Comms know when those are - it would be great for people to go to counter the expected negative reaction
- Comments/questions - email Annette at [Specialtramp@gmail.com](mailto:Specialtramp@gmail.com)

#### Elections (Cherie, Livvie, Sasha)

- September 13th is the primary
- 1 week from Thursday
- All hands on deck - out on the streets every day
- Many people signed up for the emails of what you can do - it comes to you as a google doc - search by candidate, by date - find an activity you can work on
- If you're having problems with the spreadsheet, talk to Livvie
- Q: Are you still doing stuff on the upper west side? I wasn't able to sign up when I tried - can you help?
- A: Yes we are - reach out to the Robert Jackson campaign or talk to Livvie
- Livvie will do a tutorial at the end of the meeting
- The Blue Wave Festival - coming up this week
  - Need volunteers for the Get Out the Vote through the general election
  - There will be people from campaigns and orgs
  - Sept 6 - 6-9 pm at LGBT Center
  - Sept 8 - 1-4 pm - Irondale Center in Brooklyn
  - Rise and Resist has endorsed
- Last primary - under 10% turnout - do not forget the Primary and tell a friend
- Cynthia Nixon has been very strong for disability rights - she invited a group to her office and just listened
  - Sasha has stickers to distribute - link on stickers takes you to her disability rights platform
- Q: Is there any sort of online campaign regarding Cynthia Nixon's disability platform
- A: Yes if you follow the link on the sticker, it has her platform
- [bit.ly/wheels4cynthia](http://bit.ly/wheels4cynthia)

#### New Actions

##### Bannon Speaking in NY (Stu)

- Cancelled by the New Yorker Festival
- Still scheduled for a similar event for the Economist
- Linda Sarsour seems to have dropped out
- Regarding the Future of Liberalism
- Google Open Future Economist and tweet about it
- 10 am to 5 pm at 7 World Trade Center on Sept 15
- Will discuss response at the Actions Committee tomorrow evening (6-8 pm) - 256 West 38th St, 12th fl

- Tickets are \$49 each and are still available - if you have a subscription to the Economist, they are reduced
- Can use Annette's subscription to get a ticket - just email her ([specialtramp@gmail.com](mailto:specialtramp@gmail.com))
- Economist put out a statement today saying they are not backing down

Any new members (one responded) - Diane greeted her

#### Vague Action: Corruption is Killing Our Democracy (Bill)

- We are supporting Saudi Arabia in the Middle East - ammunition killing people in the Middle East is coming from the US
- All goes back to corruption in this administration
- Undermining our democracy
- Vague action to attack Trump directly
- Possibility of arrest in this action
- Will need people in support and to give out flyers
- Sometime during the week of the UN in NYC (Sept 18-25)
- If you're interested
- Need at least 10 people to risk arrest plus support, media, flyering, etc
- See Bill if you're interested
- Will have some CD training for those interested
- Direct action against Trump
- Timing will be up in the air for a while until we know when Trump is likely to be here
- One step to make people understand that our democracy is being undermined by Trump
- Much of the corruption relates to money coming in to the Trump Organization
- See Bill if you have questions
- Comment/Q: Unintelligible
- Comment: a bunch of us have a hearing on September 25th
- A: We're hoping that day won't be a conflict
- Comment: Might there be a way to reference that democracy around the world is being undermined because of corruption

#### Agitprop Exhibit Outing (Andy)

- Sunday, Sept 16 1-3 pm
- Outing to Agitprop exhibit at Interference Archive

#### Kavanaugh CD in DC (Ann, Alexandra, Mark)

- Protests and people raising trouble today in the senate hearings
- Video shown of protests
- Kamala Harris bringing up documents not able to see
- Several Senators moving to adjourn based on the missing documents
- Women's March took lead today
- Need folks to go to DC Wednesday night
- Get in touch with Ann if you can go - [aerubin13@gmail.com](mailto:aerubin13@gmail.com)

- If there aren't enough people for a bus, then there may be other options
- Has everyone seen the sign up link?
- Things are very fluid about going to Washington - may be a bus, may be options for transport
  - If we get 2-3 people who want to go, we'd like to pay bus fare to go
  - Realistically, probably not a huge number
  - In the event we need to buy commercial bus tickets for people to go to DC that Rise and Resist will pay for bus tickets for anyone who needs it - up to \$400
- Sign up link: [bit.ly/BrettByeSignUpForm](https://bit.ly/BrettByeSignUpForm)
- VOTE: Those in favor of Rise and Resist paying for people to go to DC to participate in CD
- Passed overwhelmingly
- Please share this info with other RAR people who might be able to come
- Be prepared to go to DC to fight for the ACA again - Jon Kyle likely replacing John McCain - jon Kyle voted for repeal and McCain voted against it.
- Update on Kavanaugh hearings:
  - Not getting documents on time
  - Trump is an unindicted conspirator
  - Trying to persuade 2 moderate Republicans
  - Healthcare is the top issue on this
- Court hearing in a Federal court in Texas re constitutionality of the ACA tomorrow
  - This will work its way up to the Supreme Court eventually
- Comment: father of one of the kids killed in Parkland - he tried to introduce himself to Kavanaugh and Kavanaugh turned his back on him. Can we send the sign up link to our entire email list? Is that the best way to fill this bus?
- Q [rhetorical]: Where are the democrats on the fact that the ACA is at risk again? Why is this not a national issue like the way this was a year ago? What's wrong out there that this isn't generating the same kind of outrage as last year? What do we have to do to get unions to act?
- Comment: Watching the hearing today and seeing the democrats actually seeming to discover something - gave me hope that it may not happen
- People calling Schumer today were getting right through - call if you can
- If you can't go, share Ann's info with someone who might be able to go
- Civil Rights Voting Rights are at stake
- So much is at stake here
- 22 people arrested today

#### Heritage of Pride (Mark M)

- Reclaim Pride Coalition working
- Plan is moving forward to do a separate civil rights march on the same day as the corporate parade
- Online position - would like Rise and Resist to endorse
- Make Stonewall 50 a Human Rights March, not a corporate parade

- Celebration of the hard-fought victories of the last 50 years
- Ongoing commitment to fight for LGBTQ rights
- Two missed points
- A march that anyone can join
- VOTE: To endorse online position
- Passed overwhelmingly
- Can't make changes in the position now - will be opportunities throughout the year
- Reclaim Pride meets weekly at the LGBT Center

Aside: On July 4th, people in Europe were inspired by Patricia's action (Elka)

#### Hang Up Your Badge, Officer (Elka)

- In support of Angie Kearsse whose husband died in police custody
- Planted tree at Melrose Houses in the Bronx
- During the summer, the officer responsible handed in his badge
- Tree is still standing, plaque is still there
- Propose a follow up session - want to lead brainstorming session on where we go next
- Angie has been told there will be a grand jury but she won't know when
- If you're interested in brainstorming, email Elka at [elka@elka.net](mailto:elka@elka.net)
- Q: I know Angie - I'm here tonight to support what we want to do here - we want to get the camera
- Comment: "a place for justice" - could the next event invite people whose family members have been killed
- A: Speak to Elka after the meeting

#### Rent Collection

Any more new people here? Raise your hand - a couple more people.

Comment: Can people come to the front of the room when they speak so that people can read their lips.

#### Read and Resist (Andy)

- White Fragility
- September 23 - 1-3 pm at the LGBT Center
- Come and take part in the conversation even if you don't have time to finish the book
- Suggest friends in other cities start a similar book club
- Email [readandresist@gmail.com](mailto:readandresist@gmail.com) for tips and suggestions

#### International Climate Justice Event (Diane)

- Climate Justice Movement Rally
- September 6th event at 5:30 pm in Battery Park
- Meet by the Verrazano statue in Battery Park

#### September 12 Republican Fundraiser (Jamie)

- Demo outside fundraiser where Donald Trump jr and Kimberly Guilfoyle will be the guests of honor
- Yale Club, 50 Vanderbilt Avenue
- Front entrance and side entrance
- Hoping for enough people to bring them through the seedy side entrance
- Vanderbilt and 44th Street
- Mary Hawkins has made graphics: You are As Guilty as Trump and No One is Above the Law
- Important that we have a good turnout
- About 35 people signed up to go - need more people
- Facebook event out - please sign up and share it with friends
- Demo will begin at 6 pm until 7:30 pm or so
- Some of their event rooms are on the 2nd floor with old windows - need to create a ruckus
- Could be a lot of fun
- Will be making handmade posters after Actions Committee meeting tomorrow from 8-9 pm - 256 West 38th Street
- Comment: possible to re-use some of the photos of the children?
- A: We are working on a flyer that talks about the separation of the families. We can bring the posters but we need people to carry them.

#### Vacancy on the ERT (Livvie)

- If you want to be on the ERT, email [ERT@riseandresist.org](mailto:ERT@riseandresist.org)
- Will try to have the vote next week

#### Comms (Andy)

- Monday, Sept 10 - Signal training
- Making good progress on the blog - want to work on it, email [media@riseandresist.org](mailto:media@riseandresist.org)
- Always want content from actions - please livestream or send photos or videos at actions to [media@riseandresist.org](mailto:media@riseandresist.org)
- They can give you tips

#### Finance (Robert)

- \$9700 - net worth
- \$271 collected for rent tonight

#### Non Rise and Resist Actions

- Monday, September 17th anniversary of Occupy Wall Street
  - If people want to do a teach-in or action
  - Running from 9 am to 11:55 pm
  - Had street medics and legal trainings last year

- Talk to Apollo or find it on facebook under Occupy Wall Street 17
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- HIV Discrimination lawsuit (Mark M)
  - Tuesday, Sept 11 - going to trial - not sure of time - will put it on the facebook page
  - Please show up
  - Went to a surgeon who told him his policy was to not do any procedures on people with HIV
  - Would like help with media to get the word out
  - Want to send message to other surgeons
  - Asking for an endorsement so the media team can help to get the word out
  - Comment: underlying issue is fundamental to Rise and Resist. Media should be able to help with this.
  - VOTE: To endorse for media support
  - Overwhelmingly passed

Meeting ended early at 8:26 pm