

09.11.2018 Rise and Resist Minutes

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

Ken and Maryellen facilitators

Welcome (NYPD, Journalists, get off your phone, step up/step back, raise your hand and give names and pronouns, mission statement)

Report Backs

Elections- Thursday 9/13 is Democratic primary

Kavanaugh Actions, DC-

Zach -Protests organized by CPD and women's march

Over 200 arrests-

Original intention was to be allowed into hearing- last year ACA- hundreds of people in hallway

Line to hearings were outside of hallways- couldn't get in

Charges were lower, disorderly conduct, released after short time, returned to be arrested again

Lori- Some roughing up by police, stopped people coming back more than 2x toward end;
Looks like Kavanaugh will be confirmed, please come down to DC

Andy/Alexandra- who is leading further actions? Healthcare doing September 20

GOP fundraiser Wednesday, September 12

Jamie- Event Cancelled

Disappointing, remember how much work goes into these actions

Facilitators- schedule is up, 3 months- if you want to do it, contact Jamie, Maryellen or Ken
Monday night phone call, facilitate meeting including timing, speakers, etc.

Endorsement for "Power to Heal"- Screening Oct 5,2018 7-10 pm shown on PBS last spring

Roona- "Power to the People: a film on racial segregation in the Healthcare System"- regarding Medicaid/Medicare and what the meaning of "Medicare for All" would be in regards to these issues. Healthcare for all- add diversity, more racial/social justice

Film based on book of same name

Campaign for racial justice in Medicare

Looking for endorsement

Endorsed by Jay W. and Mark H.

Information to be forwarded in minutes:

Asks-

Endorsement- approved

spread the word to communities

optional donation of \$25-50 to go to producers, extra would go to further projects- approved

Actions group - separate

Notes for upcoming actions were redacted from the minutes. Please email

info@riseandresist.org with any connections or to get connected with the event planners.

Elevators group-

Sasha- forum:The subway UGH! CUNY graduate Center 34th street and 5th avenue
Monday 9/17, 6:30 PM

Asks: **endorsement- approved**

Sasha- personal request for people going out to vote- support Cynthia Nixon for governor,she has been supportive of accessible transportation; Z. Teachout support non IDC, Daily news Op-Ed tomorrow written by Sasha

Jennifer- Women's march excluded people with disabilities, police did not help in arrangement to put PWD in front,
Ask: for increased accessibility and coordination with MTA and Police for next Women's march, January 21, 2019,
recruiting people to write letter to Women's march demanding accessibility

People's Forum

Jay, Phil 320 West 37 St.
Peoplesforum.org

New space, community center for grassroots organizations, offering free space

for not for profit social justice organizations started by Poor People's campaign. Applied, approved, allows for better collaboration and communication with other organizations. Space is conveniently located. Rates are lower similar room from church (\$300) is \$125 at peoples forum. Multiple media and meeting facilities on site. Offering room. W/C accessible, air conditioned. Sound system works. Annual Fee for membership. Sliding Scale- \$50 a year. As members can host events.

2 options for use agreement, must choose one or the other. Not a lease or formal contract, two options as follows:

Option 1: Action Group (Wed, 20 people), Immigration group (every other Thur, 20 people) and Read and Resist meetings (one Sat. month, 25 people) on respective days

OR

Option 2: Tuesday night meetings (Tuesday weekly) and Read and Resists (one Sat./month)

Saturday meeting with one member from each action group, Sunday meeting
Option #2

Would start next week in new space/

Ken asked if can delay extra week:

Andy: We have been able to notify people for change of venue on short notice before, can do it currently. Specified how this will be done.

Alexis: Can we rent/use other rooms for trainings? Phil stated that answer has been yes, without further clarification

Susan: Concern- who is funding the space there? Phil stated that he will find out on Thursday.

Jamie: Concern- wants to see space to make sure that it meets our needs in reality, on paper is different thing

Donna: Concern- working groups invited or not. Looking to get Mark H. and Anne to put people on list from connections in Poor People's Campaign

Next Read and Resist is at LGBT center. Not going to be at new space.

Stu: Supports change- will be better than church, insurance issue is better for
Ken: concern- communication has been an issue with people's forum, is this going to be a problem? Phil responded that it is unlikely, he feels confident

Phil: we will keep lease at church for a few more weeks so that we have a "back up"

Alexandra: concern: can they terminate arrangement with us? Jay stated that this was deeply unlikely

Alexis: do they have mission statement: Jay read it: on their link

Phil: These two options were negotiated over the course of months

Maryellen: Can we use the space once we have it for different groups than planned? Phil: doesn't fit schedule for other group. Immigration (Jodie) and Actions (Jamie) said they do not need new space currently

Jay asked for straw poll:

Ask: Allow the current space committee to do the visit, negotiate and select the option.
Approved

Report Back

Postcard Party

Anti IDC postcards >230 written and sent

Emergency Response Team- action approved by ERT occurred, needs approval post action

Jay- Justice for Botham Shem Jean march through businesses 5 people lined up with a fact regarding police murder protesting that day- Black Lives Matter (BLM)
Used facts re: police, indictments, etc.

Andy: People's Monday- narrative action (uses facts); participatory part- "if you believe in justice for people of all colors, please raise your fists". Encourage people to go

Ask: endorsement post action- Endorsed/Approved

Jamie- Vacancy on ERT currently, 3 people self nominated
Tim Lunceford.

Kevin Fitzgerald.

Jackie Orr- active in immigration group elected new member

Finance: \$10,100 net worth

Comms: Signal training- App for encrypted communications
Monday 6 PM Thoughtworks 99 Madison 15th floor

Non Rise and Resist Actions

Jay- Occupy anniversary- will anyone from RaR be available to speak from the
respective of RaR re: lessons and effect of Occupy movement on RaR
John volunteered

NYC Pro choice Sat Oct 6, Old St. Patrick's cathedral 7:45 AM

Ed- protects people vs. organizations that harass at Planned Parenthood clinics
2 members assaulted by anti-choice protesters
30-40 people come to support planned parenthood users (mostly for non
abortion services)

Sheri Concern- PP has stated that they do not want people to counter protest.
Answer: purpose is to delay anti-choice people from getting to PP clinic, majority
of action is in front of church they are coming from

Mark M. October 15- testify in regards to class action

September 11

Rick- spoke about meaning of

Poster Making Party: World Day of Rememberance people killed in traffic accidents
(motorcyclists)- endorsement of poster party-

_____ Ask- Endorsement: Approved

Film Screening: "Monsters and Men"- with Q & A: free

Dann- date and time to be announced (before 9/25)

Ask: endorsement/putting on social media for RaR- approved