

## 09.18.18 RAR TUESDAY GENERAL MEETING

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Agenda

- I. Welcome
- II. Greeter- Stu
- III. Report Back, Elections
  - A. Eve- 6/8 IDC members gone although not conceded, strategy continue to work on state senate-
    1. Event vs. Marty Golden- Bay Ridge
    2. Request for meetings for election group to be posted RaR-Elections
- IV. Report BackBannon Action
  - A. Stu, Donna, Kellen- inside outside action at 7 WTC,
    1. Port Authority Police limited picketing/signs to opposite side of street "private property" (Port Authority property)- wound up facing the people on line- better placement, chanting
    2. People on line to go in and handed out flyers asking people to turn their backs on Bannon; overfull fire marshalls closed with more than half people on line- good response overall from people on line (although nobody from line turned back on Bannon during speech
      - a) Jamie was on line
    3. Three people (Bill, Kellen, Stu) got tickets and were inside, silent protest, held up signs, was covered by Associated Press and some other media outlets- small action amplified by coverage
    4. Mark H. reaction from Economist magazine- Stu: Economist claimed "about free speech"- moderator did not challenge Bannon on things he said, further legitimized Bannon

V. Kavanaugh DC and share what people in the group have been doing

A. Alexis, Mark and Alexandra-

1. Buses going down on 9/19, 9/20 and 9/24 (Monday to do non-arrest protest)- coalition Center for Popular Democracy (CPD provides bus- no cost- link posted with google spreadsheet- Andy), healthcare, right to choice/reproductive health care
  - a) Originally planned Thursday because Kavanaugh vote was to be that day, new allegations led to delay- committee still meeting likely to address lower level judges
  - b) Events surrounding Monday testimony will determine the schedule and how things proceed further- vote may or may not happen on any day that week
    - (1) Goal is to delay until after Senate/Congressional elections in November
2. Email chain with Anne R., Mark H., Andy- with plans from CPD- keep updated and in communications

B. What else are people doing-

1. Susan Collins, Lisa Murkowski- calling, e-mailing
2. Call registered voters in Alaska, Maine
3. Fundraising in Maine, will support opponent if she votes to approve
4. Calling offices- for Democrats that are running in states that Trump won (Indiana, WV, Montana, N.Dakota)
5. Discussion of legal precedent of Roe vs. Wade- opens up "right to privacy"- overturning affects multiple areas- also includes marriage equality and other LGBTQ

VI. "Flip these Houses" **looking for volunteers** for event concert celebrating protest songs, political music and unity. Proceeds benefit power to the polls (womens march), select grassroots groups helping to flip Republican seats (includes RaR?): Friday September 28, Knockdown center (add address here): sign up sheet passed around

VII. New Actions

- A. Andy- "Misdemeanor" bar- near Brooklyn detention center- drink menu insensitively uses criminal charges/incarceration as names for drinks working in coalition with groups that address incarceration issues
1. Letter- please remove names and donate money from drinks to social justice organizations addressing incarceration
  2. Ask: straw poll for support for letter: next week will bring forward copy of completed letter for final approval: **straw poll approved**
- B. Jamie- "Corruption is Killing Our Democracy"- vague action during the UN general assembly- action called off- do we want to do other action while Trump in town for UN?

1. Ideas- simple action- moving picket
2. 5-6:15 Outside Trump hotel 59/Columbus Circle- nobody is above the law-signs already made
  - a) Can't get near UN
  - b) Trump property, diplomats may stay there
  - c) "Crime scene"
  - d) Vote- to do action- approved, will be on FB post

C. Banner Report- location, time etc. is secret due to possibility of information leaking preventing the action from occurring

#### VIII. Interference Archives/Signal Training-

- A. Progressive Action Mondays- trainings, last week low turnout-
- B. Brooklyn Defense Party- drop in propaganda party next Saturday 9/22 will be addressing use of propaganda (positive not negative connotation), materials, making posters, buttons and t-shirts for Worldwide day of remembrance, immigration/ anti deportation, anti Kavanaugh, etc.

#### IX. Hang Up your badge/ "A place for Justice" Update-Harlem

- A. Against Police Brutality, visited on Monday, Tim and Mel visiting-

#### X. Housekeeping

- A. Collect rent- passed around
- B. Announce Read and Resist- 9/23 1 PM on Sunday at the LGBTQ center 13 st. "White Fragility"- addressing white people deal with race and race issues
  1. Susan-
  2. Kellen-
- C. Call for facilitators-8-12 people that do- see Jamie at end of meeting, link to Doodle poll, look at what Tuesdays
  1. Facilitation of small meetings may "step up"
  2. Possible training

#### XI. Locations- People's Forum report- 4 people visited, continues to be under construction, visitors impressed by space, L shaped space, accessible, good sound system. Software system problem can't book rentals yet- until October. RaR will be at church another week (Jamie)

- A. Concern regarding who is funding the center-
- B. Tim- request for people with sensory disabilities (deaf/HOH, low vision)- find out if space has better access, look at addressing this issue

#### XII. July 4 banner group court case- Stu-7 arrested before Patricia climb given a ticket with a fine, decided to go to court to see what options are- public defense lawyer is concerned

that with Jeff Sessions DOJ not sure of what will happen. Charge is about some very minor thing, seems to have been determined indiscriminately. Federal charge

A. Other court case- blocking traffic 5th avenue- court case NYS on 9/25

XIII. Elevator Actions

XIV. Immigration Committee- tabling at two events Marc Ribot album release- Museum of Jazz in Harlem 9/25; 10/8 Poisson Rouge, IMM group meeting Tth 9/20; GMHC w. 38 street

XV. Cosecha- doing actions vs. private companies that deal with ICE (CRM, amazon, microsoft bookstore, etc.)- Request endorse disruptive action- 10/1 5:30 Rockefeller Center- requesting abandon contracts with ICE, series of actions, looking to “starve” ICE of contracts that allow them to perform what they do- this action inside/outside ASK- endorse Cosecha Action- **Endorsed**

XVI. Finance-

A. \$ in bank-

B. \$ used -

C. Looking for volunteers who know quickbooks

D. Look for grants- Andy, Annette, others completed and submitted.

XVII. Communications- no report

XVIII. Non-Rise and Resist Actions and Announcements

A. Documentary- Steve Bannon, Roger Ailes “American\_\_\_\_\_” coming out- is this normalizing?- looking for way to respond to the documentaries

B. Civilian Review board- conference to make it elected- with families of police violence testifying City Hall 9/27, 3-4 pm

C. 1 PM press conference at city hall friday 9/

D. SCOTUS update- senate judiciary committee meeting cancelled thursday- people still going Th, M but without

1. If cancelled Thursday- will contact

2. No testifying Monday- not testifying until after FBI investigates- Monday cancelled

E. Union square 9/28- justice for police shooting Bolis, go public place-public place reading about police shootings