

10.16.18 RAR TUESDAY GENERAL MEETING

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Introduction: Elizabeth Lucarelli (ASL interpreter)

Will be interpreter for meetings going forward. Passionate about access, would like to collaborate with anyone else interested in accessibility issues

Q: If anyone knows people who are Deaf/HoH, please invite them and let them know about our interpreter. (Preferred term is Deaf or Hard of Hearing)

Phillip: group voted on providing ASL interpretation, had some collaboration with Harris and ? who reached out to interpreters. Front row of seats will be available for anyone who needs to see the interpreter.

Tim will make new signs that shows the hearing access logo along w/ wheelchair icon.

RAR Tasks & People's Forum

Andy and Phillip attended orientation meeting last week for People's Forum. Check in with front desk to make sure where we'll be meeting, won't always be in this room (there are 2 other spaces here).

Some people pushed through and didn't acknowledge people at the front of the building (please say hello to receptionist), this is a community (not just a rented space), so we're being welcomed into the space, not taking over.

Check out peoplesforum.org website for events here.

Tuesday night tasks: detailed description of everything involved in each task. Volunteers will know what's entailed with each task. Printed copies are on literature table (close to door).

Will be using iPad to register new members (working w/ JVD and others to organize spreadsheet). Greeter will be able to give iPad to newcomer, and their information will be saved in confidential spreadsheet.

Thank you, Amy!! (for the iPad)

Report Backs

Laurie A's Times Square Rally (also birthday party)

Alexis: Laurie Arbeiter has been making signs for ~15 years in vein of "We Will Not Be Silent." She has a website to sell shirts, etc wewillnotbesilent.net. Has been active in D.C. for the past 30 years. Her birthday party was public and political. 6 cakes for each decade of life. Signs brought and picked up by passers by. Had all of the makings of a protest, i.e, negotiating w/ police, dealing w/ hecklers, etc.

Proud Boys violence

Marc Molinaro (GOP candidate for NY Gov) invited Gavin McInnes to speak at Manhattan Republican Club. He speaks openly and often about violence as part of political process. He's associated with alt-right white supremacist groups (that have some non-white members, confusingly). Transnational alt-right movement that aligns with street gangs. Several other anti-fascist groups were protesting event along w/ large police presence. After the event, a number of "Proud Boys" were involved in fight w/ antifa groups, beat up several people and walked away (even though police were witnessing). There was a large outcry to local leaders (DeBlasio, Corey Johnson), who pressed police to respond and make arrests. Several groups are working on an open letter. There may be a large public gathering. This is new for NYC; even though they exist, they have not had a high profile. What can we do to stay strong, protect targeted communities? Part of RAR's larger mission to stand up for and protect communities.

Q: Jennifer B. How is Molinaro tied to this?

A: His campaign HQ is in Metropolitan Republican Club. Proud boys have good relationship w/ Republicans and police. West Coast strategy (where this has been more prominent) is to draw a wedge between those relationships. Goal to get Molinaro to denounce the group.

JB: As of now, no link between Molinaro and Proud Boys? May vote for Molinaro b/c of his support of disability community. What does one do when one is supportive of your community and not supportive of others. Cuomo does nothing for people with disabilities. Proud boys/alt-right is big problem in Portland

A: no links between Molinaro and Proud Boys.

Comment: One of groups they are targeting is women; they say women should not have jobs, stay at home, take care of home, only bear children, etc.

Wrolf: Want to publicize leaders of these organizations, interested in getting information of local people. Has list of invitees (names only), but doesn't want to misidentify anyone. If anyone has information, let him know.

Annette: Names have been published, being doxed now.

Steve: Marty Golden's campaign manager is the one who invited Proud Boys, didn't disavow them.

Jay: People's Power assemblies are having a rally at NYPD 19th precinct; 153 E 67th St., Friday at 6:30 PM. After event, friend saw someone get beaten up by PB and police didn't help or intervene

Sharie: Do we know if PB's were local or if they traveled here for this event?

Andy: Probably a sizeable majority are from NY/NJ

Q: should find out if NYPD is monitoring group? The job of NYPD is to ensure that people don't get attacked or harmed. Since they didn't intervene, they are a participant. Need someone to speak out about that.

Q: Where did PB's start, where are they from originally?

Andy: Founded by Gavin McInnes in NYC. Most popular on West Coast, not as prominent here, but looks like they are gaining popularity.

Andrew Kearsse petition launch

Elke & Andy: Have endorsed petition on Color of Change to support widow of Andrew Kearsse who died in police custody, May 11. Shared to FB page, please sign and share. Follows press conference on September 21 at City Hall to demand dashcam video. We don't currently know what will be presented to grand jury in this case. Hard to get mainstream media coverage for a petition, so this will depend on our efforts to get the word out. Want to hold Tish James accountable, deliver petition to her, but need enough signatures.

Video shows 5 police officers, one officer who was involved has been fired. Please take time to complete survey after the meeting and share.

<https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/we-demand-the-release-of-police-dashcam-footage-showing-the-death-of-andrew-kearse>

Q: Annual event about people who were unarmed (022 event next Tuesday?), can we get his name mentioned?

A: Elke will follow up

Queens immigration action

Stu: "Hearsay" - group printed signs (alternate signs, opposite of hate signs) that said, we don't want this kind of thing in Queens.

Positive signs in response to signs that appeared that said stuff like, "Get out immigrants"

Make the Road NY organized action.

Mel: Jackson Heights solidarity action. Queens stand up.

RAR Tabling event: Thursday, October 18, 7-9 pm St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Jackson Heights, 33-50 82nd Street. Will be good to learn about what happened w/ flyers

Tom Steyer

Tom Steyer is billionaire who wants to impeach Trump. Sent Tim 300 envelopes that are targeted to people who want to impeach Trump. Postage paid, 10 postcards each, mail at leisure.

Speaking in Newark, NJ on Saturday (Oct. 20) to talk about how he will spend money and strategize further.

Q: TS had event recently: Jennifer Flynn Walker's FB page has video recording.

Andy: 2 events coming up for Need to Impeach Organization. 2nd event is tomorrow, October 17 @ Greenwood Baptist Church. Specifically interested in impeaching Trump, but in the short-term it means he wants to retake the house in order to have the votes in the house to impeach. Group interested in Wednesday & Saturday events (wants endorsement to help publicize)

Annette: Also on TS's email events. Don't think we need to help since he is a literal billionaire. Concern about endorsement shop (don't want to become a rubber stamp for events we agree with).

Q: Impeachment falls into lap of Republicans who will oppose it. Why isn't he working on voter suppression?

Lynn: Tom Steyer has been to every college in country w/ group called Next Gen to register voters. He is working on voter registration.

Vote for endorsement/straw poll: 13 in favor; 19 opposed; 8 abstentions (no endorsement)

New Actions and Updates

Abolish ICE in NY

Stu: Not an action yet, will probably evolve into working group (immigration committee and action committee). Series of actions after election day. Want to get companies to divest from ICE. First step is to contact immigrants-rights groups to get endorsement and learn from them. Trying to find groups and talking with them. Looking for interested people. waldman@mikaya.com

Mel: Groups don't do much direct action. Stu: Immigrant groups don't do as many actions as they could

Joan: Concerned about New Sanctuary's organization (don't seem effective) have you been in contact?

Stu: Not that group, but others who are interested in direct action.

Lynn: I want to make sure they're not starting until after the election. (Confirmed). An issue before was when police are about to arrest someone for a petty crime that they find out immigration status in advance so they can be let go with a warning.

Elections

<3 Weeks before midterms. In next week, there will be trips to canvas w/ True Blue coalition. Or, send postcards. Have sent ~1,500 postcards to voters, can get involved there. If you don't want to talk to people or have bad handwriting, there will be texting parties.

Thursday's postcard party is at Betsy's now (new location)

MakeNYTrueBlue.org/HUB for events

Halloween Action

Mary: Frustration about HOP's (Heritage of Pride) placement at Pride Parade. 2 parades who like RAR are Mermaid Parade & Halloween parade. Machine Dazzle wants resistance to follow him & grand marshall. GAG (Gays Against Guns) will dress up as Russians to point out Russian involvement in elections. Parade is televised on NY1. Theme is "Russian Robots" - vote out Russian bots. Phillip already created Russian robots, want more people to get involved. Last year was overshadowed by terrorism.

Saturday, October 27 costume-making party before Halloween at Lucky in the East Village from 1-6. 168 Avenue B. Probably a drink special. Some money will go to RAR and GAG.

Halloween Parade gathers at Varick St. between 5-6pm. You'll receive a pass on phone to show parade marshalls. Have to hang out until the parade stops. Will be at the front of the parade. Parade should be over by 9pm. (5-9 is time commitment).

Mel: Stephen Miller puppet may show up as white supremacist

Email Mary to get involved: gaghagnyc@gmail.com

Finance

Collected \$241 tonight.

Got \$3,000 grant from AJ Muste Institute. Have to report on how grant is spent - can't be spent on civil disobedience or elections. Need receipts for grant. Ex. Steve Bannon protest, spent \$300. For qualifying expenses, we can reimburse it out of RAR's account. We can do direct action, but not civil disobedience. CD is getting arrested or doing something illegal. Can't spend anything to influence elections.

Submit any expenses after July 1 so we can use all of the \$3K

Q: can we pay rent here? A: Yes, accounting is telling a story, though. If we use grant to pay rent, it says we've spent the money to meet, but to show our actions may convince them to give us more future money.

Q: didn't we get grant b/c of disability group? A: We've applied for 2 grants, this is the first one. Applied for another 10K grant, which disability is one element.

Q: was there a specific proposal in application? A: application was not that specific, surprisingly

Stu: suggestion to look at grant as opportunity, not a problem. We can afford signage and props that we couldn't afford recently.

Communications

Mary brought up JCC Center for Social Responsibility - Social Justice Fair (tabling opportunity) Sunday, December 9, 2-5pm. JCC Manhattan, UWS, 76th St.

Need help w/ Instagram

Do we want more courtesy cards w/ RAR info to share? Wroolf made them (business card sized). (People want them)

Q: would it be possible to get palm cards (slightly larger) - postcard size. Because that size is harder to lose.

Q: had success w/ "stop yelling at TV" cards

As always if you would like to help comms and the website or facebook, and if you are leaving facebook we are developing other ways to keep in touch with the RAR community.

I'm Phil, I wanted to bring this up on the the screen, if we go to the october tab that's the current sign-up sheet for october. Does that make sense? Questions?

This will replace the clipboard.

Liv: I just wanted to show we need some people.

Phil: I wanted to mention is that the primary purpose of this space is not for political purposes. It's for working people to come together and fight for social justice. There is a point I've been discussing with management. We've come to a compromise because it might affect when you walk in next week. They want you to sign your name for political security. I informed them we want to remain anonymous. So the compromise is that it will be a rise and resist list. YOur email won't be in the people's forum, it's just in rise and resist. And then, big news of the night, I'd like to take a vote: all people who are in favor of continuing the people's forum and canceling the Church of the village, raise your hands.

Vote: Almost all for, one against.

Andy: I wanted to see if there are any questions or comments before we hold the vote.

Q: is there anything involved in canceling the church.

Phil: I am only giving the church one week notice, we're supposed to give them two weeks. I am asking for \$350 in case we need to pay them.

Susan: I don't like that we don't sit so we can all see each other.

Phil: If you'd like to make a proposal, let us know.

Liv: any other questions before the vote?

Anette: I think we should have voted about the money first

Robert: We want to stay in Church of the Village's good graces, we should pay them.

Jennifer: The only bad thing is it's a long way to walk, but I'm willing to suck it up. And I agree we should pay the church.

Jackie: There isn't much of a community here.

?: I live right by the church so it's the easiest thing, but the sound system here is so much better it's worth it. And there are lot of good restaurants around here.

John: Really quick I'm going to make a list of places to eat in the neighborhood.

?: I see a big difference between the church and here. It is a better view for deaf people I can see everyone better.

Mel: I abstained voting for the place for two reasons. We don't know who's paying for it. And I don't want to sign in.

Eve: No one will make you write down your real email address.

Andy: I've never put down a fake email address.

[Laughter]

All in favor of setting aside \$350?

Near unanimous in favor.VOTE PASSES

Claire: we should just give them the money.

Vote: all in favor of just giving them the money?

Near all in favor. VOTE PASSES

Anette: who's heard of the disease ME? People become so fatigued they become bed bound and because there is no treatment, it's devastating. There are still some doctors who think it's made up.

Columbia university is hosting an event on October 20, CFS+ME (diseases w/o cure)
conference-address:

Protest against Dr. PerFink who thinks it's made up.

New York State Psychiatric Institute at Columbia University Medical Center Hellman Auditorium, 1st Floor
1051 Riverside Drive NY 10032

John: On October 27 1-2 Revolting Lesbians will be at American Museum of Natural History
demonstrating to remove Rebecca Mercer from the AMNH board.

Andy: The Reclaim Pride coalition is planning a 2019 march outside of Heritage of Pride, like the
Women's March, people marching for civil rights remembering Stonewall and Christopher Street
Liberation March. Join us Wednesday night at People's Forum 7:00.

Rick: 609 DeGraw, Saturday and Sunday for Gowanus Open Studio Arts we'll be tabling and selling RaR
merchandise.

Non Rise and Resist Actions and Announcements

MEAction, Saturday October