

10.23.18 RAR TUESDAY GENERAL MEETING

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Agenda

I. Welcome

II. Greeter-
REPORT BACKS

Trans and GNC (gender non conforming) Rights Rally

10/22/18

Alexis

Wonderfully attended by 300 people, wonderful and obnoxious signs, good speakers, in response to leaked Trump memo that people should be defined by binaries of male and female. A sign of fascism.

Another rally at City Hall Steps at 11 am Weds October 24

Event was endorsed by RaR.

Jackson Heights Solidarity Network Rally

10/18/18

Mel, Bill, Jody

Stand Up Queens

Petition to Schumer to abolish ICE

Various people spoke: including Mexican immigrant and his wife talking about children becoming fearful and panicked.

Impact on children and discrimination against them even if they are not documented.

Ellen Witt: long time immigrant rights activist: there is a lot of money in ICE and a lot of support for ICE across the country

Strategies/proposals: No part of our pensions (1199 for example) should go into any corporations that support ICE

Andrew Kears

Elke

Reported history

Angie Kears is his widow; she has an attorney

Atty General was appointed as Prosecutor

Schenectady Police Dept.

Grand Jury has thrown out the case:

"We are urging crucial reforms"

Andrew cried 70 times "I can't breathe". Officer trained to believe that if a person can speak, he can breathe. Policeman would not open car window b/c afraid Kears would escape though he was in handcuffs. No protocol for how police cope with medical emergency

Many attempts to get attention for this case.

Suggestion:

approach Ron Kuby;

Civil suit

"Andrew's Law" has been proposed

Schenectady Police Dept. is not accredited by State of NY

Political issue: Grand juries do what prosecutors want

This is happening over and over in the deaf community; terrible communication breakdown, no special accommodations made. \$700,000 awarded for one family

A tree was planted, a plaque is proposed in bronze; date for gathering proposed for November 11

There will be strategy meeting:

Elections

Livvie

Is focussing on State Races: goal is to move forward to make sure that bills that have been held in committee get to floor and passed.

Busses going up to canvas

Check RaR Elections NY City based actions list for up to date info:

makenytrueblue.org/hub, click on NYC-based events to find event info

Postcard parties

Weds at Claire's

Thursday at Livvy's

Friday at Betsy's

What about after the election?

Plans for regular meetings in Albany with legislators, and with Cuomo.
Nov. to Jan.: there will be a period of planning and review of legislation.

Protest outside Marty Golden's (Republican State Senator) office in response to Proud Boys' violent action

Eve

Demand that Golden fire the staff member who endorsed the Proud Boys was sent to his office.

Andrew Gounardis is running against Marty Golden

Elevator Action Group

Jennifer

9 AM action by RaR allies and coalition at monthly MTA meeting

To make proposal to elevator reform legally binding

Tuesday, October 30 9 AM Rally

60 Center Street

Monica Bartley (Center for Independence for disabled in NY) CIDNY wants people to do surveys at polling sites on Election Day Tues Nov 6 to find out people's responses to MTA and accessibility

Baby Trump

Saturday October 27 12 to 2

Wrolf: wrolf@wrolf.net

Impeachment parade at Battery Park to 40 Wall Street featuring Baby Trump balloon as used in London

Organized by People's Motorcade; Westminster resisters for the past year

Speakers will talk focus on impeachment

Discussion pro and con:

Action was endorsed by RaR

Marshalls:

Halloween

GAG, Sing out Louise is doing Russian Robots

Russian Robot making party Saturday 10/27 time TBD

Gathering place and time:

Fundraising

Dann and Diane L discussed a fundraising 2019 calendar. 50 will be available in November at \$20 each.

Diane will donate \$200 to cost (\$8 each)

\$200 requested, worst case scenario make back \$200; best: net \$800

RaR 2019 calendars were endorsed.

Finance Report

Net worth: \$8900, \$160 collected tonight.

Request: to rent PO Box: for \$112 pa

RaR approved the RaR PO Box

Read and Resist

Andy

Likely November 25 (last Sunday in November)

Readandresist.org

Book will be on Trans rights: several books recommended and memo will be sent around.

Part of a fascist strategy to go after minority populations

Comms

Facebook page:

GOBK page is much more accessible; can RaR FB page be more so?

Membership:

Can we reach out to members and tell them about our new location?

Andy: recommends waiting till after the election

Location:

320 West 37 at the People's Forum is our new home for General Meeting

Some have had problems knowing this.

Video shown about Postcards

Medical negligence case went to court

Mark M and two others testified against Dr. who lied.

Decision to come down in March and April

Cosmetic surgeons regularly turn down patients

Social and economic justice committee of Citizen Action of NY

Marguerite Frarey Chair

Committee Meeting 7:30 to 9:30 UAW office 256 West 38th St 12th floor

Legalize marijuana

Gets people out of jail

Diversified industry

½ of revenue goes to communities impacted by war on drugs

Domestic Violence Awareness Buddhist Awareness Action Coalition

Stu

Monday Oct 29 7 to 9
320 East 39th Zen Buddhist Center

Am. Museum of Natural History Saturday 1 to 2 pm
Goal to remove Mercer
Revolting Lesbians

ERT Emergency Response Team; 7 members

Claire

RaR was collaborating with others when this action popped up. Saturday October 19
Asked to sponsor a protest against Marty Golden (staffer who is tight with Proud Boys);
Approved by ERT.

Women's March on the Pentagon over weekend of October 20/21 - video of speakers from past weekend! Wow!

Matt Bralow - runs

<http://soo.gd/nycactivismcalendar>

<http://is.gd/bestideas4nyc>

Needs help on initiatives!

Puerto Rican Tribunal - Needs support & outreach!

10/27/18 Holyrood Episcopal Church / Iglesia Santa Cruz 9 to 5

<https://www.facebook.com/events/222592841680891/>

Big Apple Coffee Party

Alternative Media Report: indy media lists best sources

Dr. William Barbour and Alexandria Ocasio Cortez

will be speaking on Tuesday October 30 at 6:45 at John Jay 524 West 59

Show on rape in Shiva gallery

Elke said it is excellent

John Jay

Weds October 25 at 6:30