

## 11.13.2018 Rise And Resist Meeting Minutes

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### **(10) Introduction**

**Welcome** (NYPD, Journalists, Get off your phone, Step Up/Step Back, Raise you hand and give Name & Pronouns, Mission Statement)

Reading the mission statement. Facilitators - Jody and John B.

Introductions

**Introduce** Paul (greeter) and Elizabeth the ASL translator

Report Backs

### **(10) Elevator Action Group**

John (he/him) two actions and an ERT approval. Friday Nov 4th joined with Brad Lander at the 7th ave park slope station to call for an elevator at the G/F stop . Shout out from Brad Lander.

Showing video.

Shout out to Rebecca R. Tim and Mel had a great banner. Shout out to Diane who took photos- next action yesterday to get developers who are in charge of subway elevators to keep them working - this was press conference at Barclay Center- with Brad Landers, CIDNY, tons of press. That action was requested through ERT.

Emergency Response Team - if you need an action endorsed between meetings-

John- **vote on the request/ the ERT responded 6 in favor of.**

The action was Nov 12th at Barclay Center.

John- vote to approve action

**Action approved.**

Questions:

Lynn - wonder what is being done in the bronx

Jackie - less accessibility in Bronx, CIdNY

John - one was focused on developers and one on the MTA

### **(5) A Place For Justice**

Elka (she/her) Robert (he/him)

Got together this Sunday (the 11th) to place a plaque at Ms. Kerse housing.

Dan made a video - please share on Facebook

Multiple cases of police abuse

Working on Andrew's Law

Robert - nice how a small action like this can support a community

Elka- want to pursue google maps marking this spot.

### **March against anti-Fascism**

Susan - Primarily signs about Jewishness, but the chants were anti-police. The thing had barely started when kids were arrested for having scarves covering their mouths, so it became an anti-police action.

Andy- 3 downward arrows adopted as a left wing symbol - anti- Fascist Symbol. Letter from Palestine group supporting Jewish people. A number of old people, families there- on sidewalk, no violence. The police snatched people from sidewalk just for wearing scarves.

The police came on motorcycles and read some law about covering your face and grabbed someone. Outpouring of solidarity. JFRJ is looking into helping people at Mosques. 7 or 8 people from RAR came out. Closing ceremony at Warsaw Memorial on Upper West Side. Out of the norm from RAR was that the group includes the police as part of violent fascism.

Questions:

What was the event? Who sponsored it?

Andy - 8 or 9 other organization sponsored it. Met outside Republican Club - renewed energy after shooting in Pittsburgh. Hope for ongoing coalition against anti-Semitism and Proud Boys.

Susan - what's violent fascism

Andy - Richard Spencer versus Proud boys

Lynn (she/her) New York Times magazine - how police failed to see the issue with white Fascism.

Elka- to follow up with Susan, the police are getting ready - when Hawk came to the Bronx event two police cars showed up

### **(30) Election Results discussion**

Eve, Claire (she/her)

21 months ago formed group - Flipped 6 seats from IDC - from red to blue - biggest Democratic Majority since 1905 ??

5000 postcards in last few weeks handwritten

Trying to figure out what comes next

Long-term strategy - need to pass legislation that they have been promising for years.

Showing photos

Claire- got media to pay attention to IDC and educating voters about the IDC.

Eve- working with True Blue - what do we have to push to get passed and what might be easy to pass. Looking where to focus efforts.

Jody - any feelings about the election

Diane -- Thank you. Worked in my own neighborhood-

Stu - he/him hadn't thought about state legislature - we have an opportunity to not just protest bad things - but get good things going

Miriam - voted in the pouring rain - would not let the voters wait inside. I don't know what the law is- does anyone know what the rules are?

John - Board of Elections is Soviet Era - did five voting sites for accessibility and somewhere a nightmare

Robert - work for early voting and voting by mail

Eve - low hanging fruit 1. Reproduction health act 2. Genda (Gender Equality non-discrimination act 3. Child abuse?

Zac- worried about Florida - replay of 2000 - any direct action groups in florida

Eve- don't know

Lynn - Pennsylvania makes it very vague and could be happening more than we know

Jody - any comment on Florida

Eliz- the same thing is happening in Georgia

John - when is next elections meeting

Claire 350 West 37th Street 5:30 on Tuesdays

Wendy - BIG THANK YOU!

Stu - two more low hanging fruit - Drivers license for undocumented drivers licenses and

DREAM act which will help pay for undocumented people to go to college

John- keep eyes on primaries!

## **Collect Rent**

**Paul the greeter - new people!**

## **(10) NEW Actions**

### **Action Committee members Strategy Meeting 11/17**

MaryEllen! - Putting together Saturday 2-5 actions committee strategy meeting - See

Maryellen's email - open to people in actions committee - not about specific action - broader - if

interested email MaryEllen nycmaryellen@gmail.com

## **Questions**

Elka- is it facilitated

ME - yes.

Jody - tomorrow

Andy - action on Saturday in support of the Caravan with Cosecha

Cosecha (means Harvest) is sending

Saturday 2 PM Washington Square Park

Organizing people to go to the border- wrote to RAR to ask for help

Stu- terrific young organization - like ours -non-violent

John B - Endorsement?

Donna- Concerned about logistics. Is this going to make sense to go to border?

Stu - don't know. Few 1000 went a few months ago they pulled it off.

Stu- Cosecha has a Facebook page and Website - the militia is also saying they are going to border

Elka - At meeting with Cosecha was there any conversation about the election in Mexico?

Stu - they have people working on it.

Alexis- Rabbis sending a Jewish presence

**Vote for Saturday 2 PM Public outreach about Caravan**

**Approved Motion Passes**

**Dan - Reminder postcard party this Thursday (recounts.. Special elections)**

**7-9PM address redacted**

**\*Announce joint meeting of Actions and Immigration**

**(20) Sessions/Whitaker and 11/7 demo**

**Wrolf** - Times Square Demo - the issue with the police. A nation coalition Moveon etc. Working for 18 month if Trump moved to fire Muller. National partners called the event for day after

Trump fired Sessions - 5,700 people

Questions-

Jamie (they/them) Actions was concerned about the demo because we wanted sessions to be fired. Concerned we were going out too early. Feels we were used by moveon.org which makes me concerned. Sessions was not supposed to be the trigger

The event was called "Can't fire the truth" but Sessions is not the truth. We still have 200 posters in my closet. We had also agreed not to rally because of politicians - be aware of being used

Elka - managed rebrand thanks to Mel's banner

Rick - this wasn't "it" first shot. Handed out Laurie A's signs

Alexis- from back where I was marshaling.

How many people would like to be trained.

At the back, having problems because front was too fast. Problem for people with surgeries or many babies or bad hips - we sent 3 sets of runners to ask people to slow down - they did not - so we had cops on bikes right on our tail - lousy to watch people left behind - if at the front- please go slow

John - This was a placeholder event- do we set another placeholder event??

Andy - there is a national call of on Thurs and meeting on Sunday after that we will have more information. But, we will probably have to do this on a larger scale - Can present more formally next week

Martin - Get Moveon to respond to pace of march. 2. After Sessions was fired, we got a lot a messages, so glad there was an event.

Jackie - would have like to see more people, want to find a way to get more people out. Thrilled with the way a lot of the march happened.

Donna - yes was too fast - the line got strung out and it was dangerous. A car came - not enough marshals - all this should go back to moveon.org- but I also adored it.

Wroff- Trained many marshals - assigned most marshals to front and back - we had 130 people, just not enough

Alexis-Marshals are not policing our people. Revisit how to bluff and stall with police. Does become a safety issue at night.

### **Comms/Media:**

Andy - Mass email from Elections - got positive feedback - available to other working groups (once a year) reach out to media if interested.

### **(5) Calendar Fundraiser**

Diane - RAR Calendar Dan and I will sell them after meeting. Tried to get every working group in

...Describing Calendar -

For a donation of \$20!

### **(5) Finance**

Robert - Net worth \$9800

We collect 212 out \$125

The accountant has prepared form 990 EZ return for organization exempt of taxes

Susan - Bad news got turned down by Northstar. Follow up - two people on call including person who told me to apply - we were turned down because we are not a low-income, people of color group.

What the staff wanted and community board were two different things.

We learned that we have to be precise.

Good news- \$3000 check from AJ Muste

Andy - updated donation page on website- send feedback to finance

### **\*Read and Resist announcement**

### **(10) Non Rise and Resist actions and announcements**

Christina - announce theatre show rev billy and stop shopping Joe's pub Nov 25th - Dec 23rd.

Love has no borders

I will be at the show on Dec 9th with an ASI Interp

Jamie - Rev billy has worked with RAR

John - **Amazon Long Island City** - Senator Genris - Anti- Amazon rally nov 14th 11:30.

Triangle at 44th dr and Vernon Long Island City Queens

Jackie - tomorrow **Reclaim Pride meeting** at 7-9 Nov 14th Peoples forum

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