

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

Introduction – 7:05pm

- Any police/law enforcement/Homeland Security? (no answer)
- Any journalists covering this meeting? (no answer)
- Any newcomers? Applause.
- Please use your preferred pronouns when you introduce yourself.
- Philip – next week we may move everyone forward by roping off the last three rows.
Objection from the floor by Ray.
- We will call on you once. Then we will be looking to call on someone who hasn't spoken yet. Make space for people whose voices are usually not heard.
- Seats in the front two rows - please leave open for people with disabilities.
- Reading of mission statement.

Reports – 7:10

- **Immigration**
 - Donna G. Going to DC this Thursday on coalition bus.
 - Lobbying and sitting at Congressional offices. Clean Dream Act with no wall.
 - Buses leave from NYC New Sanctuary Coalition midtown office 131 W. 33rd Street, at 6 am
 - Deadline this Friday.
 - Action was endorsed by ERT.
 - Please call Schumer's office every day.
 - Demo on Weds 1/17, 11a-1p 780 3rd Ave outside Schumer's office
 - ? from NYC Coalition thanks us for participating, especially the Youth Caucus for sending food!

- Carol – Ravi Ragbir, director of NYC New Sanctuary Coalition, went for his regular check-in (as he has been doing for many years) and ICE detained him.
 - In the Action – only those who prepared for getting arrested got arrested. And this was a huge victory.
 - Things are moving quickly in Ravi's case. Ravi is now in Florida. Legal team is fighting to get him back to NY. Please follow NewSanctuaryNYC on FB.
<https://www.facebook.com/NewSanctuaryCoalitionNYC/>
 - Call Senators and say "Send Ravi Home." "Pass a clean Dream Act."
 - Email rar.immigration@gmail.com for meeting location on Weds.
 - ?: Recent arrests in workhouses by ICE. Working very hard to try to stop that. Asking OCA not to hand people over. Asking for \$250 for postcard campaign to keep her (did not catch name) in the spotlight.
 - Reached out to Brooklyn DA's office. Asking Judge Fiore to stop arrests.
 - If you want to join in that meeting, contact rar.immigration@gmail.com.
 - Re: the Mayor and NY being a Sanctuary City: ICE had a federal escort taking Ravi to the airport.
 - Mark from the floor – NYPD got a little out of control last Thursday. What was behind that? Also – how should we seize this anti-Trump moment?
 - Carol – Last week, the cops WERE out of control. Actions of protestors were peaceful throughout in the face of provocative hostility from cops, ICE, DHS. Conjecture – they were all caught by surprise and didn't know who was in charge, and just decided to be pissy.
 - Jeanne – Says that the second, larger question is something you should definitely bring to the committee to strategize.
- **Elevator Action Group**
 - Jennifer – The campaign is bringing awareness throughout the city.
 - There is an elevator due to be built on Broad Street and the Community Board was planning to vote against it. Eight people from RAR and 10 from other groups showed up at Community Board 1 committee meeting last week – they were the biggest group present - and then the CB voted FOR the elevator.
 - Next week there is meeting of the larger Board Tuesday 1/23 6:00-8:00pm, 150 Broadway, 20th floor. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1943192009043501/>
 - Jennifer says they're building an elevator at Bedford St on the L and she is very happy about it!
- **Communications and Live Notes (Vote) IDC/Elections committee**
media@riseandresist.org
 - Andy - Comms weekly meeting on Tuesdays 6pm before this mtg. Discussed adopting some branding for the Women's March (similar to what we did for Pride). Asks for straw vote on using the pink from the Women's March.
 - Elke from floor says the March is adopting black from the Time's Up campaign, but Andy says the official pages all have pink.
 - Ivy from the floor – We should think more carefully about using pink.

- Andy - From the Comms perspective, we're taking our cues from the March's organizers, and that color is pink.
- Annette – This discussion will continue off the floor.
- Ray – a proposal/discussion was circulated on Facebook to make RAR meetings more accessible to people who can't attend in person, for various reasons. The committee discussed it. There are privacy issues. Also from a legal perspective, it's problematic to broadcast our intentions to the world. They tried to come up with a compromise.
- Alex L – Outlines the compromise: He takes minutes in Google docs and proposes sharing that Google doc in real time as minutes are taken down. The notes are available on Saturday anyway, so this just moves up access by a few days.
- People can access from home by : sending your email address to Facilitation for a google link which goes to a form asking the person if they're a police officer, have you been to a Rise And Resist meeting or protest, etc., and asks why they're not able to attend to see if there's something RAR could do to help them attend in person, e.g. providing child care, covering transportation costs, etc. and these forms would help us identify those solutions.
- Various Concerns from floor, including that people might just be too lazy to come in person.
- Jennifer – it is really difficult to get here and this would definitely improve accessibility. The number of people asking for the live minutes will be probably be limited.
- Question from floor – Why do the notes go out as late as Saturday? Do we know how many folks are accessing the notes on Saturday?
- Andy – The notes go out with the newsletter on Saturday. They're trying to get notes posted on the website sooner. There is a function to check the number of clicks and Andy will do that.
- Vote: Motion passes. Committee will report back on how the rollout went in its first week.

- **Impeach Actions**

- Environmental Impeach Action- Thursday 1/18 Winter Garden Atrium, World Trade Center, 5:30-6:30pm. If asked to leave we will do so, and exit through Oculus, which we have some experience with.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/401556430284441/>
- Tom - Marshal call. 5pm meet by the palm trees.
- Dress as animals, plants, trees, etc.
- 1/25 Impeach focuses on Trump's bigotry and racism and the folks who are complicit. Actions Committee Weds 1/17 6pm LGBTQ Center, 208 West 3rd St.
kiddinthecity@gmail.com .

- **2018 Elections Action Proposal and permission to sign IDC letters without floor authorization.**
 - Harris – we are fighting the IDC. TrueBlue in Brooklyn has asked us to work in coalition to stage simultaneous protests statewide regarding the state budget. In late March the legislature and Governor recess to haggle over the proposals they've received that month.
 - There are two IDC districts in New York City. We would organize those.
 - Mark – asked them to take time to do a specific proposal
 - Annette summarizes: Motion to empower the Elections committee to work in coalition to lead some direct action organizing, and come back to the floor with any specific asks: be they marshal materials or funds.
 - **Motion passes.**
 - Claire – week after week ERT has approved requests to sign letters against the IDC. We are part of a coalition of about 40 groups including True Blue. Would the floor give the committee the authorization to sign letters regarding IDC? To smooth the path of our coalition-building.
 - About 6000 postcards have been sent to Cuomo re IDC.
 - **Motion passes.**
- **Finance**
 - Collected \$319.25 tonight.
 - Andy – We have been working with accountants for a long time. Approaching year-end tax filings. They sent us a bill for the year of working with them: \$1750. Presenting this to the floor.
 - Floor already approved \$750. Seeking approval for the remaining \$1000.
 - Wroff – how much was for filing 501c4 and how much will we anticipate spending for next year?
 - Did not understand answer!!
 - Ivy – moving forward ...
 - Motion for additional \$1000 passes.

--Facilitator training scheduled for January 27, 2-5pm LGBT Center, 208 W. 13th Street.

--Review of RAR 2017, Part 3, Feb 3, 2-4pm LGBT Center, 208 W. 13th Street.

Women's March Accessibility issues - 8:20 pm

- Rosary Solimanto rosarysolimanto1@gmail.com
- Also look up disability caucus on Women's March Nadina LaSpina of ADAPT <https://www.facebook.com/events/521170884927525/>. FAQ on Women's March Alliance – website – what are the accommodations.
- Rosary recently began working with March organizers to rework their language/messaging regarding disability, to educate the organizers and improve

visibility for folks with disabilities. Wants to put disabled folks at the front of this year's March. 45% of people have a health condition. Hold a sign and march at the front with us.

- People with Disability Caucus meet at 61st and Broadway about 11. You don't have to say you have a disability to gain access. Bring your friends. Columbus Circle. 11:30 speakers begin. 12:15 begin march, per her meeting with the Chief of Police today.
- Huge banner at the front to keep others from passing this contingent.
- March is 1.8 miles long. You will be permitted to leave the march at any time along the route. There will be March volunteers along the way if you need help doing that. Suggests bringing a lightweight folding chair. Unfortunately, no support vehicles will be available.
- No public restrooms this year. Police would not budge on that.
- Welcomes RAR and Health Care banners at the front.
- Elke – RAR contingent meeting up with GAG to join the front of the March, meeting at 9:30am, SW corner 64th and CPW. Originally the plan was to meet separately so as not to clog the entrance at 64th. Enter at 72nd and go down to meet the front of the march. <https://www.facebook.com/events/574670032882962/>
 - Pushback re: RAR being segregated from disabled folks.
 - Question from floor: what is our messaging?
 - Elke - we will use the emergency text messaging to make any updates to the time/place of meeting.
 - Mailout from Media on Friday night with updated info.
 - Ken Kidd - GAG and Sing Out Louise are meeting early to do caroling. GAG is meeting tomorrow (1/17) to discuss march and that is on the agenda.
- **"State of Disgrace"**
 - Jamie – Vague action in response to State of the Union address. Banners, signs, noisemakers, etc. See Jamie.
 - Come to Actions Mtg Weds 6-8pm at Center, 208 W. 13th St.
- **ERT**
 - Annette in the interest of time, we'll postpone those votes.
- **HealthCare**
 - Jan 31 – Feb 2- Congressional Retreat taking place in Greenbrier, WV. Trump will be coming on the second day. Buses to go there are being organized by Center for Popular Democracy. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nyc-bus-to-march-on-greenbrier-trumps-meeting-with-gop-and-republican-governors-tickets-41890409342?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=esfb&utm-source=fb&utm-term=listing>
 - Create campaign Social Security/Medicaid, an intergenerational thing.
 - Healthcare meetings at 6pm on Tuesday before general mtg. Location varies. Join Listserv for info; see Mark Hanney after meeting.
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- --Mark Apollo mapollo@owsspag.org – there is a CPD Bus leaving Union Square on January 31 at 5am, going to West Virginia. Housing and food provided for the buses. Returning to NYC 3/3:30 on Feb 1. Check Eventbrite (link above)
 - Buses can be arranged from other locations if necessary. For mobility reasons, etc., funding is there. Main concern is that this is a non-violent action. But there may be possibilities for CD if others want to look into it. National CPD call taking place tomorrow.
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- **Youth Caucus** – Sat 1/27 Bowling at Melody Lanes in Brooklyn
 - Meets every other Saturday
 - RAR.youth@gmail.com
- Andy proposes starting a RAR book club. 1st meeting will be at the Center 208 W. 13th St. They will read the Black Lives Matter book.