

12.11.2018 Rise And Resist Meeting Minutes

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- Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm at the People's Forum

Meeting intro:

Identify yourself if you're NYPD or a journalist

Read mission statement aloud

Introduce ASL interpreter

Introduce Facilitators

Report-back: Elevator Action Group

Did a picket today (12/11/2018), got some press

We have photos and videos from the action

Vote for approval of upcoming action in front of court case. Action approved

Report back: Initial meeting of United Against Racism and Fascism - NYC

There will be a march in March

About ½ people there were individuals, other half were from groups

Many attendees were interested in a less violent approach to fighting fascism through counter-demonstrations

This was a closed meeting (attend by invitation only)

There's another meeting on Jan 12

Rise and Resist will report on when public meetings happen

"Could you talk about the breakdown of the groups and people there? How many were sectarian?"

- Some were sectarian - socialist groups, etc
- Some were non-sectarian - e.g.: Rise and Resist, MACC, etc

Seeking Asylum is Not a Crime:

Thurs Dec 20

We're doing a march starting in front of Fox (47th and 6th Ave) at 5:30pm

Sun Dec 23

We're doing a march starting at 50th and 5th Ave by the fountain

Additionally, there will be a vague action. Talk to Jamie for info

There will be a poster party at People's Forum from 6pm-9pm for all three actions

NY State Legislation - Healthcare act

NYC Council voted to approve the NY healthcare act 49 to 0

There's a direct action group being formed to put intense grassroots pressure on this issue

They're planning a carolling action at insurance companies - more info to come

Other groups in NYC have been getting involved (e.g.: ACT UP)

Does Rise and Resist want to join in on planning actions around this? Do we want to plan our own Rise and Resist action for this

Vote: do we want to prioritize this for next year?

Most people in the room agree we should participate

A group will be meeting about this Tuesday nights 5:45pm - 7pm at GMHC (307 W 38th St, New York, NY 10018)

Read and Resist announcement:

Reading "Good and Mad" by Rebeccca Traister

Jan 26 12pm-2pm at the LGBT Center in room 201A

Annual Meeting:

Sunday Jan 13 2pm-4pm at People's Forum

Patricia's Upcoming Trial:

December 17th 2018 9am at 500 Pearl St (arrive at 8am)

We reviewed a draft statement that Rise and Resist will put out supporting Patricia and her action and call for not finding her guilty

Some changes will be made per suggestions from the room and sent out via media and communications

Vote for sending out the release passes

Who's doing the organizing for support outside the court?

Patricia says she's organizing - she applied for a permit from Parks and Recreation and a sound permit

Do we want people to be outside the court before the trial, or in the courtroom with her?
Patricia wants everyone to be a part of this - it's a grassroots effort.

The Guardian will have a reporter in the courtroom who will be reporting on the trial.

Vote passes for Rise and Resist to show up at the action in support

Update on Elections working group:

NY Senate has had progressive voting legislation stuck because of the IDC

We're going to insist that the issues we care about go through instead of just focusing on a few

- E.g.: make it easy to get to the polls and to send things like absentee voting and early voting

Let New York Vote and Fair Elections have similar interests and they're fighting for voting rights.

We'd like to sign on as a coalition group

Vote passes to sign on as a coalition group

Report back on Public Charge ruling

New rule can prevent immigrants to obtain a green card or citizen status based on: whether they've used public assistance, health, age, and financial status

There has been a strong pushback against the new rules

Comments were closed yesterday

Calendar fundraiser

We only have a few calendars left, and they're \$20 each

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