

December 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes Rise and Resist
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Report Backs:

November 29 NYSE Lights Action -

(John, Jody) At NYSE Christmas tree lighting. Silent, no chanting, no marching. Themes: Asylum is a Human Right. Calling out detention profiteers: banks, corporations. Follow the \$\$
Action well-received. Kotter did light-up signs.

December 3 Make the Road Press Conference -

(Livvie, Donna) Press conference in support of two pending NYS bills: Green Light bill (drivers licenses for all) and Dream Act (public college assistance for children of immigrants). Many new, young electeds spoke (Jessica Ramos, for example).

Elections

(Eve) Group is figuring stuff out for next year in multiple meetings around town. Actions right now: Postcarding for Virginia House of Delegates. Betsy Malcolms' house, Wednesday, Dec 5, 6 - 9pm. RSVP to betsyXXXXX. Rachel Tornheim's. Wednesday, Dec. 12th, 7 - 9pm, details and RSVP on RaR FB page.

New Actions

Seeking Asylum Is Not A Crime - 3 Actions

(Betsy, Diane)

#1. Vague action. Location details revealed at UAW Action meeting Dec 5. Known now: Message: *Seeking Asylum Is Not A Crime*. Trespass on private property, banners, signs,

chanting, disrupting business as usual. Demonstrators will most likely have a choice to be arrested or not. 1 hour long. Signs will be photos from the border, mounted 20x30. \$600 in props. Receipts must be provided.

#2. Legal procession down 5th Ave on Saturday, Dec 22 or Sunday, Dec 23.

#3. Legal procession 5:30, Thursday, December 20th. Location tbd.

Vote to Approve Action #1: Approved.

Vote to Approve \$600 cost: Approved

Vote to Approve Actions #2 and #3: Approved

Vote to determine of #2: Sunday, Dec 23 Approved

Tabling

(Stu, Mary) Social Justice Fair. Tabling in JCC lobby, 334 Amsterdam at 76th, December 9, 2-5. Volunteers wanted.

Vote to endorse tabling: Approved

Fare Hike Hearing Rallies

(Jennifer V.D.) Same hearing, different boroughs, as the Fare Hike Hearing Rally that we already did in Manhattan.

Monday, December 10, Brooklyn, Rally at 4:00, Hearing at 5:00., near Dekalb Street Stop, details on FB

Tuesday, Dec 11, Queens, in Jamaica, Rally at 4:00, Hearing at 5:00, details on FB

Vote to Endorse both hearing rallies: Approved

Immigration

(Jody) Brainstorming about how best to use visit from Maureen's retired immigration judge friend, Peggy. What questions to ask her? Find out what ICE really does, find out how we can slow down detention proceedings, how bonding works, what's going on at the border for deaf people and people with medical conditions, what obstacles are being put in front of immigration judges now,

Women's March Alliance

(Mary) Update on letter written by Jennifer sent by group and GOBK to WMA suggesting ideas for better accommodation of disabled people this year. They responded badly, negative and personal. Lengthy and varied discussion of what to do. General consensus that issue must be pursued, depersonalized, solved, many suggestions of how to do that.

Calendar Fundraiser

Diane offered more for sale, \$20 each.

Finance

(Susan) \$198 in rent.

Meetings

(Jamie) Sunday January 13, 2-4pm, at TPF, Annual meeting, which is legally required of 501.c.4. Need to elect new board. Also discussion of maintaining and increasing membership. Need 10 for quorum.

Tuesday, December 25 NO meeting

Tuesday, January 1, NO meeting

Read and Resist

(Andy) Next book: Rebecca Traister, Good and Mad: The Revolutionary Power of People. Next meeting: Jan. 26, location tbd

Museum Visit

(Andy) To Soul of A Nation, Art in the Age of Black Power, guided tour Sunday, December 9, 3pm.

Non-RAR Events

(guy?) New anti-fascist and anti-racism coalition forming, in the process of recruiting groups. Asking RaR to join. Not Antifa. Confront fascism through CDs not violence. Meeting, by invitation. December 8, 12 Noon BMCC, 199 Chambers Street, N-453, want two people from RaR to participate. Philip will go. March 16 Intl. International Day of Anti-Fascism - preparing for big action on that day.

(Jay) Reclaim Pride Town Hall. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7:00, at TPF. To plan Human Rights March on June 30. Reprising first Gay Pride Parade, going up 6th Ave. Need help to plan for a 50,000 person march celebrating rights for all marginalized communities.

(another guy?) Extinction Rebellion Action. London action blocked six bridges. Having second meeting Rebel for Life on December 13, 7:00, at Thoughtworks. Looking to build an Extinction Rebellion group. Google Extinction rebellion to get to NY FB page.

(Philip) Meeting with WPF execs next week. He needs feedback from us on TPF to take to the meeting and people should email him thoughts

(Andy) Vague action on immigration. Includes a prayer circle. Meeting at Zuccotti Park at 8am and continues from there. FB event has form to fill out to participate.

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