

1.8.19 Rise And Resist General Meeting

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Finances: \$191 collected tonight. We have \$14,000 in account. Rent here is \$30.

Introductions and mission statement

Report backs on 12/20 and 12/23 seeking Asylum is not a crime

John discussed decision to move the action to Grand Central because of weather.

- Many many people there
- Many responses, mostly positive
- Huge exposure, great optics

12/23 Jamie discussed

We did processional starting in front of Plaza: silent vigil with banner that was unfurled at different locations

Some police opposition along the way.

On steps of St Patrick's Cathedral: silent, there was plenty of time to unfurl the banner
Rockefeller Christmas Tree

Fox News as the ticker tape about Trump on the wall was running.

Discussion of effectiveness of this type of action;

- Direct contact
- You don't know the effect of an action at the time. Photos often appear during later news event.
- Message was very clear
- Contact with young Latinx people who were very moved.

Discussion of handling counter protesters; they want to media attention.

- Consensus appears to be overall not to engage with counter protestors.
- Suggestions for training of new people, need for training marshals.

Trump and potential declaration of state of emergency

Mark H led off discussion.

- Potential threat to democracy
- Advocates connecting with other progressive / resistance allies so as to initiate actions across the country; we need an emergency plan.

Various people spoke about the threat to America, also impact that trump is having in moving the needle to the right. Dems are opposing the border wall, but are open to greater border security. What is getting lost is the humanitarian crisis that trump is fomenting. Let us focus on immigration actions.

- Various actions proposed

Sat 1 pm in Times Square; weekly vigil: need for subgroups; building coalitions take time; let's use the coalitions we already have built. Maybe it is a good idea to ignore his bloviations.

Actions has met to prepare seeking asylum action. Executive power grab to grab power from the legislative branch. Perhaps this is face saving strategy by trump. trump is CREATING emergency. Laurie spoke about going to the border for two days. We are in a state of emergency. Prepare for the worst, and hope for the least bad. The emergency is Trump. Demo this weekend. Decision to postpone discussion till later in the meeting.

Projector for RAR Illuminations:

John discusses the Washington "Illuminator" group that is projecting signs above Washington Trump Tower. Considering a smaller plug and play projector: Costs \$1299 before tax. John proposes \$2500 to \$3000. Discussion: should we move forward in exploring. Rent? Approach the Light Brigade. **Straw poll was in favor of continued exploration.**

Read and Resist

Jan 26 at noon at the Center: Good and Mad by Rebecca Traistor

Vivien Farmery will speak on the 15th at RAR about sponsorship opportunities for LGBTQ Youth

1/22/19 Margaret McManus, retired immigration judge will speak. Send in any questions and they will be given to her.

1/10/19 256 West 38th, 12th floor, 6:30 discussion of White Nationalism and White Supremacy

Actions committee 1/9 Wednesday: Strategy meeting at the Center

Thurs 1/17/19 at 5:30 pm at the Oculus: Seeking Asylum is not a crime. Broadway and Fulton (It is a transportation center. It is wheelchair accessible, but it is rather complicated to

access for people with mobility issues. It is a little hard to find. Follow signs for the PATH train. NB: it is private property. Goal is to have these demos frequently. The message needs to be repeated over and over. **The action was endorsed by RAR.**

1/29/19 Vague actions proposed by Jamie on the night of the State of the Union speech.

Message: Indict trump. Goes into collusion, legal and criminal issues. Banners of various sorts: hanging, floating, being held. Use word "arrest" rather than "indict". People relate to it. Discussion of indict vs arrest. Weekly series proposed. Are banners reusable? Some yes and some no. **RAR voted to move ahead with planning. Up to \$600 approved.**

Disabled Women's Non-March: 1/19/19 at Grand Central Station. 250 people are interested. An article is coming out. NYTimes contacted the group. Robert Ayers contributed. Laurie is donating shirts. Alexis will be in charge of marshalls.

A Ratto: We have been in contact with women from Women's March NYC which coordinates with Women's march DC (but not from NY Women's March Alliance) Brittany Williams and Sam (spoke at meeting).... are coordinators with March NYC. Thank us for reaching out. Printed routes accessible routes. Area with seats carved out for people with disabilities and elders. Bathrooms, captions on jumbotron has been asked for. Sam said that RAR will be invited to make suggestions: braille, larger print, what do we need to say, we need to work together over the next 360 days. We want to build a continuing relationship. We want to be transparent.

Date: 1/19/19 we don't have a permit yet, but completed route is near. Downtown Manhattan. In negotiation with NYPD. Timing and date are being negotiated. NYPD is being obstructionist. We want to inform you, and want to be transparent. What do we need to do to be in partnership with you. Could we have march scheduled so that it feeds into the disabilities march? We want to distinguish ourselves from WMA.

We want to build a march that builds on the work of the midterm elections. Not entirely in accord with WMA.

Discussion of how we make mistakes, and then need to learn. The culture.

NY Immigration Coalition is doing marshall training.

Meeting for non march: marshalling training will start at 11:30

ERT action: Andy: letter in November to WMA with suggestions about increasing accessibility. Unsuccessful, We asked to meet with them: unsuccessful. Cease and desist letter was sent by WMA to Jennifer; non viable legally. RAR (board of Directors) approached them again with piece in "Medium" this past week.

WMA is a small non profit which has put on two women's marches.

ERT action was endorsed by RAR.

There will be **merchandise** next week. Bring cash.

NON RAR ACTIONS

1/21/19 MLK day on 12th floor 256 West 38th St. Discussion of the march in March: **United against Racism and Fascism**. March to Save New York City. MLK Day XTel from City Hall. City being co opted by gentrifiers, abuses of NYCHA , Mayor De Blasio is gentrifier in chief.

Extinction Rebellion ER: organization against climate change denier. London based. Target set of zero emissions by 2030. They had first meeting in NYC next this Saturday. Friends Center 15th Place. 2 to 5pm. Planning meeting for the nationwide day on 1/26.

Postcards group: Sent over 100 pc's to people in Florida....

Next session: Jan 28 7 to 9 pm. Address redacted there will be another pc writing meeting.

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