

## R & R Minutes 4.17.18

Facilitators: Jeremiah, Kellen

Notes: Livvie

Sound: Echo-y but not the worst.

### Group contact information

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

### Meeting Notes:

#### **Elevator Group Report Back** Jennifer, Jennifer, Jackie

Field Trip with Andy Byford (from Toronto, new MTA guy, worked in London) – 3 hours – to show him the difficulties of traveling subways for the less able. He was open, listened, said he was working on a system wide plan including access-a-ride. Accessibility is a stated priority of his. Met with Elevator Group despite being cautioned against. Is thought to be an ally. Made no promises, accessibility wish list. Action: MCNY April 26, Joe Lhota Protest, 7-9 pm, Museum of the City of NY, 5<sup>th</sup> and 105<sup>th</sup>. **Endorse.**

72<sup>nd</sup> & CPW, Street May 7, 10:30 a.m.,

7: 25

#### **NRA Report Back – Dinner Cancelled** Wrolf

GOBK and PTAs alerted to NRA Prospect House fundraiser by Wrolf and they got it cancelled. Next fundraiser didn't reveal location. Ultimately cancelled, so RAR cancelled the planned protest of it.

#### **GAG Update** - Ken Kidd

Thanks to Parkland kids a lot of NRA-supporting businesses have stopped stopped doing so, but FedEx is still shipping guns at a discount.

Action: Friday May 11 noon - May 12 2:00 pm 26 hour marathon picket against 26% gun shipping discount and vigil at Manhattan 24-hour FedEx office protesting FedEx, honoring the dead. Human Beings will be there. 8 people at all times at least, 4 HBs at all times. Need participants, social media pushers. Email

[Kiddinthecity@gmail.com](mailto:Kiddinthecity@gmail.com) to get involved. **Co-Sponsor.**

### **Video Updates – Youth Caucus** Jeremiah

Saturday meetings at lgbt center. Wrapping activist videos. Catherine, Dan, Deborah, RaR members, filmed, as well as other activist groups. 10 minute and 1 minute videos so far, more to come. “Get Activated.” Answering the question: why keep doing this? #getactivated

### **New Actions**

#### **1. Abolish ICE** - Stu, Donna, Jody, Donna, ?

Action: Campaign to abolish ICE, which was formed in 2003 as part of Homeland Security. Took over from Immigration and Naturalization, but with tons more resources and deportation powers. Idea came from brainstorming at Tuesday general meeting. Campaign to include:

Education: History, scope, and practices and how to challenge it.

Normalize: the whole No ICE idea

Months long campaign: using missing persons notices, informational lit, actions in high impact locations. **Approved.**

Action: May 1 May Day. Stickers, posters, \$300 budget request. Make the Road and one other group doing the same thing. **Approved.**

#### **2. Membership Drive** Phillip

Action: Wants to put our Public Service Announcements on online magazines Scruff the only one who said yes. “Direct Action Works” purple banner appears on personals for free. 20,000 views expected. Gay dating websites likened to the gay bars where Act Up used to post flyers. **Approved.**

8:00

### **Discussion – ASL Interpreter** Andy

To improve accessibility for people who are deaf or Deaf they could bring a laptop and watch the notes being taken in real time. Or we could have a student ASL interpreter who needs practice, look for friends who could do it for free. Help needed to carry on. 1-2 volunteers.

### **Report Back – IDC Fundraiser Protest** Harris, Jill, Betsy

Two groups protesting at front and back of New Leaf Restaurant. 40-50 protestors. Description of Cuomo decoy strategy with two SUVs. Showed video of Cuomo, which went viral. Cuomo went on to threaten progressive groups like New York Communities for Change, Citizen Action, and Make the Road.

Action: Rally to Defend Community Organizations, Foley Square, 12:30 Thursday, April 19. **Endorse.**

### **Comms , Mini Teach-In** Martin, Andy, Dann

Blog has been proposed to help people know us better and get \$. Need someone to run the show. Jim volunteered to do it.

Get tee-shirts from [store@riseandresist.org](mailto:store@riseandresist.org).

Need camera people to do video-ing for April 29 multi actions and other times.

Helpful Hint: Capitalize when you do a hashtag. it's called CamelCasing as in #BlueWave, or #StrandedByCuomo

**Hang Up Your Badge** Elka

Action (already approved) May 11 at sunset. Public call for officer who killed Andrew in Schenectady to hang up his badge as a show of remorse on a cherry tree that will be planted at the Bronx housing complex. Need landscapers to plant it properly. [Elka@Elka.net](mailto:Elka@Elka.net). Elka meeting with Angie and tenants association in the Bronx.

May 15 Teach in with Andy Izenzon. Practice of Transformative Justice.

**Impeach Action** Martin

Thursday, 4.19, 5:30. Calling out Michael Cohen. At Loews Regency Hotel, Park and 61<sup>st</sup>.

Thursday, 4.26, 5:30. Harlem Hospital (postponed once before)

**If Mueller is fired**

Go to [Trumpisnotabovethelaw.com](http://Trumpisnotabovethelaw.com)

Text to 40404 "follow nycmueller"

**Book Club**

April 28. 3:00pm. Book is When Democracies Die.

May 20, 3:00pm End of Policing

**Finance** Robert

\$7300 on hand, net of \$3600 after outlays, unchanged from last week.

\$389 collected for rent tonight.

**Heritage of Pride** Jamie

Pride policing has been under discussion: barricades, uniformed & weaponed officers marching in Pride, etc. in meetings including Brian and Carl, Act Up. Jake & Jamie will represent RaR at April 30 meeting with HOP, cops, Act Up, etc. Unusual for RaR to talk to police ahead of time. Request approval to meet w/police. **Approved.** Jake and Jamie will take requests to the meeting: no wrist bands & unlimited marchers for community groups, separate contingent for resistance groups, softer policing, etc. They are letting the floor know where they are in the process. Maybe RaR will have contingents in Queens Pride, BK Pride, Trans Pride. (HOP is 6.24.) Make a Resistance Contingent no matter what? Maybe not be in HOP at all? To be continued.

## **RaR actions**

### **Tom Cat** Jeannie

April 21 Brandworkers is calling for an action at their Long Island City office (4323 22<sup>nd</sup> Street LIC. Contact: Rose Brandworkers, r.roseweiss@gmail.com) honoring one year anniversary of Tom Cat/ICE visit. Multiple contingents will go to other offices to persuade them to distance themselves from Tom Cat.

### **Postcard Parties** Mary Hawkins

Wednesday, April 18, 7-9, Rachel's apartment. 209 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street.

April 23, 6:30 – 8:30 LGBT Center

May 10, 6:30 – 8:30 LGBT Center

### **Non RaR actions**

Action. April 26, Opioid Action, Washington DC, buses, Nan Golden, Act Ups from other cities, other groups will be there. From email from Jennifer Flynn Walker, Center for Popular Democracy. **Approved**

Research project on intersection of the absurd and political within activist performance. Looking for interested people. Contact Hugh [hugh.sillitoe@gmail.com](mailto:hugh.sillitoe@gmail.com)