

## R & R Minutes 4.24.18

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### Group contact information

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

### Meeting Notes:

Introduction - One member of press in room reporting (didn't catch details), step up, step back, use pronouns, talk to Jay if you have new actions, announcements, etc. Diane is greeter welcoming new members

### Elevator action group (Jessica, Jennifer, Jackie)

- This Thursday, April 26 at Museum of the City of NY (103rd Street and Fifth Ave) at 6:30 pm: Joe Lhota and others having discussion about future of MTA. We are in touch with moderator from the NY Times to ask questions. Tickets are \$25 to go inside; there will also be an action outside.
- Monday, May 7th at 10 am - closing subway station on CPW and 72nd St (B,C). Not putting in elevator. Will meet there and march down to Columbus Circle.
- Jennifer and Jessica were invited to a meeting with Andy Byford last week. They met with him for about 2 hours at MTA HQ with other disability activists. He took their ideas; he said he would send them an outline for a plan in the next few weeks. He may meet with them again. The board of the MTA and the Governor still may need to be convinced. He is also doing a study of all of the stations to see which of them are feasibly possible for elevators.
- Andy Byford reports to Joe Lhota and the money needs to come from Cuomo.

### Youth Caucus/Video (Jeremiah, Emily)

- Meeting on Sunday at noon at the LGBT Center - looking for a new meeting location following that
- Contact them at [rar.youth@gmail.com](mailto:rar.youth@gmail.com)
- Showed 2 one-minute promo videos on Activism Is.... - going live tomorrow
- Longer videos online for each person interviewed - watch them
- Our experience is one of our most important commodities.
- Press release is going out tomorrow via social media; re-tweet, re-post, etc
- Hope that people will use hashtag and create their own videos
- Q: What time on Sunday will the group meet
- A: Noon

#### New Actions:

##### Get Gorka Out of Bay Ridge (Rick)

- Bay Ridge Fight Back and a bunch of other groups including NYIC, DSA, Arab American Association of NY
- Kings County GOP Fundraiser at Dyker Heights Golf Club on May 16
- Speakers are Sebastian Gorka and Donald Trump, jr
- Sebastian Gorka - Nazi sympathizer, on record as anti-semitic and anti-Islamic, forced to leave White House
- Put pressure on venue to cancel; if that doesn't work, some sort of action
- May be action at Marty Goldin's HQ if golf event is cancelled
- Protesting outside; CD may be too risky for immigrant groups
- Letter written to venue - asking groups to sign
- Privately run venue in a City Park
- May want marshalling help and advice
- Asking for endorsement of letter
- Letter: addressed to GM of golf club - horror and distress that Gorka will be at event hosting there, describes why this is repellant, we call upon golf course to demand Gorka's removal from event or that Dyker Beach golf cancel event. If not cancelled, we will be there to protest.
- Q: Current ask is only for endorsement of letter, but might be better to ask for sponsorship since we might need marshals and further support for protest.
- A: might want to wait until we have more details. Take it one step at a time - another meeting next Monday to figure out what might happen at the event.
- Q: Are we invited to be one of the signers of the letter
- A: Yes, that's what we should vote on now. A word or two might change from what was read.
- Q: When describing the community, might be worth mentioning that there are wealthy Jewish people in the community (who might golf)
- A: yes

- Q: Who is the owner of the golf course? It's described as public.
- A: Don't know - need to research. Is it City-owned? The club is private and the golf course is public.
- VOTE to endorse and sign letter - assuming no major changes
- Passes overwhelmingly
- Hashtag: #NotInMyBK - post on social media

#### TomCat new action (Jeanne)

- 19 Audits being increased by 500%
- One group forced out by these audits is from TomCat Bakery
- Last week there was a one-year anniversary event
- Sent delegations to a bunch of restaurants to talk to them about TomCat
- Patisserie dropped TomCat
- NY Office of Labor Policy and Standards adopting a workplace standard and raid protections
- How do we engage the City in making policy changes along these lines?
- [RadioBaron@gmail.com](mailto:RadioBaron@gmail.com)
- BrandWorkers annual campaign - please contribute at [mayday.brandworkers.org](http://mayday.brandworkers.org)
- May 1- 12:30 pm at Washington Square

#### High School Coalition Caucus (Tom, Sage, Katie)

- High Schoolers who want to work with us - start a High School caucus for RAR
- Found us online - super interested in what we do
- Open Mic Day - kids can't play in bars, so could be good to have a day where kids can perform. Might be an idea for the future as a fundraiser
- A lot of kids are turning 18 soon and will be able to vote
- Getting Rise and Resist to pair up with high school students; not all of them know what they're doing politically
- Q: Jamie volunteered Marshal trainings for high school students which lets them know their rights and how to organize an action
- A: they have a Friday assembly when that could work or after school some time
- Q: RAR can support high school students who want to be active; can they think about how they'd like to be active? Can we have a dialogue about what we can offer that would support those things?
- A: They love actions - March 14th they went down to Borough Hall. Getting them involved in actions is the way to go. Integrate them into our activism and then they can begin to create their own over time
- Comment: Elka can connect them with students in the Bronx who did the BLM Youth March

#### Rent collection

## Impeach Report Back

- Pitch for Impeach t-shirt on website (Jamie)
- April 19th (Jamie) - about Michael Cohen at Loews Regency. 11 activists and 8 cops in front of Regency. Marched from there to his residence on Park Ave and 59th Street. He's living at the Regency now. Someone from HBO was staying in the hotel and filmed them during the demo.
- Coming up Thursday demos - every Thursday at 5:30 pm will be demos but not necessarily impeach themed. Some will be impeach themed, others will be topical.
- Upcoming Healthcare Action (Mark, Ann and ?) - this Thursday outside Harlem Hospital at 5 pm. 136th Street and Lennox Ave. How the ACA, Medicare and Medicaid have benefited NYers and are still under attack. Trump is on his own undermining these programs. Important to protect public hospitals. Need to move towards universal healthcare. Lifting up Health Equity. Each co-sponsoring group will have a speaker. Town Crier at the end. Will last about an hour. Will head to the Museum of the City of NY after.
- Fox News Action (Stu) - Thursday, May 3 at 5:30 pm. Taking on Fox News. First of a series. They've become a joke, but they're not a joke - they're destructive. Taking on Sean Hannity and his advertisers. Entitled to free speech but not \$30 million per year and spreading hate speech. Advertisers are complicit. Details will be worked out tomorrow in Action Committee meeting at 6 pm at UAW, 256 West 38th St, 12th floor.
- Mercer Action (Mark) - Thursday, May 10 at 5:30 pm. Calling out dark money donors that live in NY. Lives on West 72nd St and Riverside Blvd. Going to drum the dark money out of our politics. Will be going to dark money donors residences and everyone has a percussive instrument, make a whole lot of noise, disrupt, call them out to their neighbors. Meeting at 72nd and Broadway in park near subway station. Will stop en route at statue of Eleanor Roosevelt. Subsequent actions at Koch Bros, Ron Lauder, Steve Menuchin, etc.
- Q: Are you coordinating with Revolting Lesbians?
- A: We're talking about her money going into politics, not getting her off of the board of AMNH. They are complimentary but not the same. She's a really dangerous person putting people in and out of the White House. They're focusing on the climate change issue. We will reach out and welcome them participating.

## May Day/Abolish ICE (Jody, Cotter)

- Abolish ICE campaign collaboration between Actions and immigration
- Kicking off on May 1 - meeting at ICE Detention Center at 201 Varick Street at 4:30pm and will march up to Washington Square Park to join May Day Rally at 5:30 pm
- Will have posters and educational handouts

Any new members?

Comms (Andy, Dann)

- Use of pronouns in introductions is a good way to spread that to other places
- Blue Wave Rally on April 29th - Comms will be streaming - needs help
- Go to [media@riseandresist.org](mailto:media@riseandresist.org)
- Seven coordinated rallies all at the same time - all you need is a smart phone
- Need writers too
- Need help on website, press releases, PR, etc
- #GetActivated

Elections (Harris)

- Blue Wave Rallies on Sunday, April 29th
- In all of the IDC districts on Sunday from 2-3 pm; Robert Jackson rally starts at 1:30 pm
- Need people there
- Locations are on website

Hang Up Your Badge, Officer (Elka)

- May 11th in the Bronx at sunset - planting tree to commemorate Andrew Kears
- If you want to help, contact Elka
- They went to look at area where tree will be planted and met with housing department
- Filed for permit for the tree; people from councilmember's office are helping to push this through
- If permit isn't granted, they'll do an action around an existing tree
- Melrose Houses in the Bronx

Acknowledgement of Jody and Jim on notes and slides

- Need more people to take minutes - talk to Jeremiah

Book Group (Andy)

- Saturday at 3 pm at 632 Broadway, 9th floor
- Will be someone in the lobby to let you in so be punctual
- *How Democracies Die*
- Come join even if you haven't finished the book
- May 20th - *The End of Policing* by Alex Vitale - same location
- Would love to have any groups that are working to de-police NY join
- [readandresist@gmail.com](mailto:readandresist@gmail.com)
- Q: will Alex Vitale be there?
- A: yes

#### Art/Social Outing (Andy)

- Adrian Piper at MoMA - mixed media and performance art - running through end of July. Free Friday nights, but line can be long.
- Peter Hujar photography at the Morgan - lived and worked in NY. Free Fridays 7-9 pm
- Activist New York at Museum of the City of NY. Suggested admission prices.
- Interest in all three - Andy will work on scheduling.

#### Finance (Robert)

- \$3400 net worth - decrease of \$200
- \$331 for rent
- Selling t-shirts, hats and bandanas - can take credit cards.
- Email [finance@riseandresist.org](mailto:finance@riseandresist.org)

#### Education (Jake)

- May 15th - Transformative Justice speaker
- May 22nd - Restorative justice speaker

#### Pride (Jake)

- Monday night is the meeting with the NYPD
- Finalized demands and are sending them to NYPD and HoP tomorrow around lunchtime and emailing to politicians and media outlets
- Town Hall next Friday, May 4th at 7 pm at LGBT Center. HoP is invited - don't believe they will show up. Ann Northrup will facilitate. Community discussion for everyone to share what they're unhappy with in advance of 50th anniversary of Stonewall (next year)
- Demands being sent out under banner of Reclaimed Pride Coalition. Would like other groups to sign on to them. Two lists: one to HoP and one to NYPD
- No chance of amendment at this point
- Demands of HoP:
  - Police presence - public apology from NYPD re treatment of LGBTQ community
  - No visibly armed members or vehicles at the march, includes ICE
  - Police free zone at Christopher St, Pier and Memorial
  - There must not be hard police barricades along the route - soft barriers are okay.
  - Must not arrest people engaged in peaceful protest such as die-ins
  - Defer to marshals
  - No weapons within the march
  - No sound cannons used to communicate with the march
  - No cooperation with ICE during the march
  - HoP should not act as an extension of NYPD or ICE

- No limits placed on community groups or non-profit groups (200 person limit), no wristbands in these groups. Corporate groups or any groups with corporate branding must be limited to 200 people. Political candidates also limited.
- Resistance contingent must be allowed to march together
- Route: must be transparency in the change of the route. Disability accommodations must be made for transportation to the Pride Festival
- Must open up the organizing and control after 2018
- VOTE: to support and sign on to demands to HoP
- Passes overwhelmingly; one opposed
- Demands of NYPD:
  - Apology for Stonewall and ongoing actions against members of LGBTQ community
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- VOTE: to support and sign on to demands to NYPD
- Unanimously passes
- If you want to follow along with work of this coalition, they are on social media ReclaimPrideNYC on facebook and twitter.
- Another meeting this Saturday at the LGBT Center
- Letters being delivered tomorrow at 12:30 pm - first to One Police Plaza and then to HoP after. Looking for people to join the delivery. Madison Deli and Grill at 12:30 pm at 5 Madison Street if you would like to join.

#### Fundraising (Andy, Dann, Mike, Stu, Eve, Tom, Ivy)

- Will be a larger discussion next week
- New group has broken off from the Finance Group- [Fundraising@riseandresist.org](mailto:Fundraising@riseandresist.org)
- Online store - looking for new, different designs. Holler if you want to help with back office stuff too. [Store@riseandresist.org](mailto:Store@riseandresist.org)
  - IDC shirts, impeach shirts
  - Tell people to buy things!
- Live events
  - Early June - show in Bushwick
  - Got bands to play for free
  - Also good way to get word out to people about what we're doing
  - What are other kinds of live events we can plan for this?

- Live concert events: Performance Space New York
  - Pangea in East Village - Justin Vivian Bond in backroom
  - Possibly a silent auction
  - Classic downtown performance artists possibly in same space
- Ran ad on Facebook for donations - made \$240 (1% of those who saw it clicked through)
  - Share ad with your friends and write something about the organization
  - Ad showed 3 actions from past year: ice skating, naked Trumps, a Trump Tower Action. "Rise and Resist would like a little help from our facebook friends"
- Q: We should do fundraiser emails regularly.
- A: we don't want to drive people away with lots of requests for money
- Peer to Peer Fundraising - will continue to ask people to do that
- May ask people to contribute via GoFundMe for specific actions
- Need people to help with merch sales
- Also looking at grant funding via 501(c)3 fiscal sponsor - looking to see who might be a good fit if you have any ideas - grant writing skills would be helpful too

#### Non-RAR Announcements

- 4/26 Racial Justice and Overdose (Jamie)
  - Thursday at City Hall noon-1 pm - April 26
  - VOCAL
- Group in Eastern Uganda reached out to RAR (Jay)
  - Asking for help in delivering message to the UN
  - One of the most poverty stricken areas in Uganda
  - Agrarian Community
  - Trying to get help in marketing their agricultural products
  - Have letter to go to Sec General of UN - need our help with research, etc
  - SDG program of the UN - more ground level work in the communities
  - Anyone want to work on it talk to Jay - [jayw.walker@gmail.com](mailto:jayw.walker@gmail.com)
- NYC Combatting Militarism
  - Tomorrow in Brooklyn 6-8:30 pm Lafayette Ave Presbyterian Church
  - Building a national poor people's campaign
- nycactivism.org calendar
  - Spread the word - could use support
  - Matt - 646-470-3890
- Four Women in a Room - A Conversation about Women in NY State Government
  - Panel: Zephyr Teachout, Melissa Mark Viverito plus others...
  - Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30 pm at Great Hall at Cooper Union



- Asking for endorsement
- Free admission
- VOTE to endorse
- Motion carries
- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/four-women-in-a-room-a-conversation-about-women-in-nys-government-tickets-44920051082>
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- NYC for Abortion Rights
  - Fundraiser this Sunday at Star Bar in Brooklyn at 6 pm
  - Mississippi has the toughest abortion laws in the US
  - One of the poorest states
  - Comedy show to benefit Mississippi Reproductive Freedom Fund
  - \$10 admission