

## 05.01.2018 RAR Meeting Minutes

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Notetaker 1: Annette G

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

New members welcome - Livvie

### Report back on NRA Action w/ GAG:

Andy R - Thursday April 26th 4PM Brooklyn Eagle newspaper reported that BK branch of NRA had secured Dyker Heights Knights of Columbus for their fundraiser (3rd attempt), GAG was meeting that night, a quick coalition formed consisting of Coney Island Anti-Violence Collective, Moms Against?, GAG (Gays Against Guns), and RAR (4-5 members) to protest, got great news coverage, NY1 10PM #2 story, confronted attendees, led to photo of KoC flipping off protesters Jackie - supported on social media, NY1 did spot at 8:20PM, video played every 20 mins until 2AM

Maryellen - [gaysagainstguns.net](http://gaysagainstguns.net) for more info, FAQ, to get involved

Member - KoC using nazi salute

Andy - attempt to call gun control advocates nazis under distorted belief that Hitler was pro gun control, counter protester with "Don't Tread on Me" sign, journalists love counter protesters, so engaged him in conversation to deprive counter protester of uncritical coverage/video

### Thank you cards:

Andy - proposal to send cards to 1. **new MTA President** for meeting with MTA Access working group, 2. **Robert** for poster designs

Livvie - 3. **We Make America** for Blue Wave sign painting party

Donna - 4. Prop maker for Easter Impeach Action, Julie? We Make America member

Jill - 5. Erik McG? Already sent one

Jennifer - 6. **Fussy Lo Mein**

Jay - 7. **Deanna, photographer**

Cards will be sent through pews for signatures, in future email comms with suggestions, keep receipts for supplies (less than \$200)

### Reclaim Pride Update and Town Hall:

Jake - sent approved demands to HOP and NYPD, meeting scheduled for Monday (yesterday) but did not happen, HOP postponed with no future date set, Town Hall this Friday 7PM at The Center, HOP invited, this is for community, come even if you have nothing to say, numbers will show our strength

Wrolf - governance of HOP? How are Board Members chosen?

Jake - 10 Board Members, not vote on this year because Stonewall 50 is next year and decision to maintain community, many of us don't want next year to be a celebration of the police, this is likely the start of a year long campaign

Jeremiah - look for FB event, please share widely, can share outreach email, refusal to meet shows they don't care about community, need to show up in numbers

Jay - @reclaimpridenyc on twitter and instagram, Stonewall 50 is going to be seen worldwide, we have a lot of leverage, HOP will be judged by this

Martin - social media campaign with images and quotes from earlier marches will put pressure on them, let's talk after the meeting

### New Actions:

#### Environmental Action

Tom - proposing lunchtime actions every day first week in June at EPA, focused on what the agency is doing as a whole (not just Pruitt), theatrical, hazmat suits, coffins, giant trash monster, Fussy Lo Mein exorcism

Lorenzo - starting first Monday in June, 6/6/18, working with Food and Water Watch, Sierra Club and other groups, 290 Broadway at 20th Street, 12:30PM-1:30PM,

Annette - list of demands?

Tom - awareness/education on EPA actions/inaction, reusing previous flyers targeting EPA

Jamie - b/c EPA focused not Pruitt it won't matter if he quits, gets fired?

Tom - considering "mulch Pruitt" theme on Wed but will adapt

Bill - fracking?

?? - one day vs 5 days?

Tom - want to do 5 days, give press more of an opportunity to cover

Andy - budget request?

Tom - no, but will likely ask folks to bring plastic for monster

Lorenzo - aim to reuse previous materials

Andy - consider reaching out to wiccans and those who do exorcisms

Robert - Fussy knows that takes it seriously

**VOTE: PASSED**

Tanya and Adriane, Buddhist Action Coalition

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Tanya - Buddhist Action Coalition, new org launched Feb 4th, need to get off of the mat and get involved as a collective, all over NYC and NYS, 250 from various sangas and lineages at launch, we want to show up for things that matter to you, alleviate suffering, offering compassion and love, how can we help? Previous actions - mediated for 24 hrs in retail windows, we can draw attention, have some printed info to share

Adriane - we meet 1st Monday of every month at Union Theological, we're on the direct action working group, first thing we went to was March for Our Lives

Robert - do you know Joanne Macy? Long time Buddhist activist. Also May 12th 26 hrs GAG vigil at Fed Ex at 41st Street, talk to me.

Mark - anger and fierceness has fueled lots of activism but would love to have you there speaking truth to power in a different way, with the same message

Martin - practice Buddhism myself, thanks for being here, have done silent/walking meditation actions

Adriane - happy to liaison to support long term

#### Fox News Impeach Action last Thurs:

Mark H - reportback on Harlem Hospital Impeach Action last Thurs, 50-75 people, 20 different orgs co-sponsored, 10 speakers, NYSNA, CWA, DC 37, physicians

Susan - went down all Trump's health care crimes in chronological order

Mark H - list on Center on Budget and Policy Priorities website [www.cbpp.org](http://www.cbpp.org), renamed to Health Care and Social Safety Net Working Group, focus on public hospitals; next is work requirements and other attacks on Medicaid/Food Stamps, Farm Bill reauthorization is means to attack Food Stamps. Also Food Research and Action Center.

#### Fox News Thurs 5/3 Impeach Action 5:30PM-6:30PM

Stu - 5th Ave b/w 47/48th Street, Sean Hannity's Lies: Brought to You By - Gillette, Advil, Mitsubishi, Claritin, others; beginning of ongoing campaign against Hannity, please come!

#### 5/10 Impeach Action Rebekah Mercer's house:

Jamie - supporting and funding Trump's actions

John - gather at north side of 72nd Street at Broadway at 1 / 2 Subway entrance/island at 5:30PM then marching to 240 Riverside Blvd, The Heritage building, with list of indictments, reading of Feb NYT Op-Ed about herself; will have flyers for neighbors

Mark H - "Drum out the Dark Money"

Jamie - need to drum to be heard

Donna - forgot to mention to bring pots and pans!

#### Immigration Group:

Jody - first Abolish ICE Campaign action today at May Day March, will discuss in details next week; working on "missing" posters, call for artists to contribute and help, speak to Donna, come to Action Committee Meeting tomorrow Wed at 256 W 38th 12th Floor be there at 6PM SHARP to be let in

Immigration Group meeting Thurs 8PM at Westbeth Community Room, enter from Bank Street side (address is Bethune Street)

Andy - 25 min livestream pinned on RAR twitter account, please retweet/share!

May 15th Teach In: Transformative Justice

May 22nd Teach In: Restorative Justice

#### Comms and Mini Tech Teach In:

Andy, Jim and Dann - need more people to help with media support at actions, anyone with a cell phone can do it, ideally 2-3 people at each action

Jim - RAR blog starting, tech details worked out, need writers/contributors, once a month or every other month is ok, talk to me or anyone in Comms

Jennifer B - what kind of content? How do you pitch? Email?

Jim - haven't 100% figured out what kind of content, but biggest focus on our actions and issues, talk about your experiences, open to other content and ideas, me or other Comms member would edit and approve

Dann - no special treatment, everyone treated equally! Email [media@riseandresist.org](mailto:media@riseandresist.org) And buy t-shirts!

Andy - capitalize the words in hashtags; turn on image description on photos on tweets (to improve accessibility for people with visual impairments), select "add image description" and type your description, also tags for google searches, detailed instructions will be in newsletter  
Tom - are we limited to text? Video? Ivy has suggested content on partners such as Fussy, BLM NY, etc. Start shooting for vlogs.

Wroff - using WordPress, we can do any kind of content

#### Church Agreement:

Philip - two hats, 1. Reporting that written agreement b/w RAR and COTV signed tonight; 2. Outreach on Scruff using banners on profile pics with meeting info and link to website, 3 banners with rainbows available, has been live for 2 weeks, 250 hits so far

#### Elevator Action Group:

Jennifer B - fighting ADA accessibility on the subways,

Jackie - we seem to have shut down event with Joe Lhota and NYTimes reporter because they couldn't handle the protestors, lead story on NY1, NYT journalist on NY1 but presented our case

Jennifer B - Sarah, NYT reporter, Veronica, MTA Board Member and Lhota; People's MTA Action, they warned they would disrupt, rally outside beforehand, 300 in audience (paid \$25 each), Sarah was incredibly dismissive so they disrupted, about 15 protestors, she didn't know how to have them removed/regain control, so she shut it down, sad because it was her birthday

Jennifer - action on Monday May 7th, Transit Center Access Denied Action, 72nd Street B/C Station at 10AM, shutdowns for repairs but no elevators will be added, this is inexcusable and

unacceptable, can't fix a station without installing elevators!, brief update - invited Cynthia Nixon to support and show up, heard back tonight

Mark H - isn't it illegal?! ADA!

Jackie - 4 lawsuits since 1979 but MTA has lawyers, yes it is illegal

Mark H - decision made 30+ years ago - had the chance to build a universal system for all, instead went with separate and unequal (Access-A-Ride)

Jennifer B - working on that, problem now is State Legislature and Cuomo

Stu - is the MTA really controlled by the State?

Jennifer B - MTA Board appointed by the Gov

Jackie - good discussion at this table today, said people with disabilities don't vote! Assume they believe the elderly don't vote! WFP hasn't taken up this issue for some reason. Delay and distract tactics by MTA.

John - so many politicians latching on to MTA issue this election cycle, pressure all of them, "everybody ride's or nobody rides!"

Jennifer B - disabled people are seen as a burden on society, WFP is for able bodied workers, Nixon didn't directly respond to question about people with disabilities, talked about underpaid caregivers

Jay - NIMBYs in Upper West Side don't want disruption of elevator installation

Jackie - L line track work - relatively poor neighborhood, less powerful

Wroff - MTA are vulnerable to a twitter campaign, work with Comms

Harris - WFP is fighting for these issues

Jennifer B - no one with visible disability involved, not heard

Finance:

Rob - collected \$285 tonight, short of rent, selling t-shirts, net worth the same as last week, no outstanding receipts from President's Day budget, please submit receipts for Easter and other actions

Hang Up Your Badge May 11th Action in the Bronx

Elka - at 7PM/sunset, planting a tree to support widow of man who died in police custody, coalition building action and anti-racism, will hear tomorrow if we have permit from NYCHA to plant, please see me for details of meeting at my house 11AM this Friday

Elections April 29th Actions Report Back:

Livvie - actions supporting anti-IDC candidates, great collaboration with We Make America sign folks, high point of our anti-IDC campaign, lots of folks came out

?? - 7 simultaneous rallies, 100+ Robert Jackson, 60-70 in Astoria, ~300 total, WNYC and local papers covered, 50 in Klein's district - Biaggi, see website for more info, the districts are gerrymandered, no one running against Avella or Carlucci so had anti-IDC rally/flyering with good turnout, beautiful hand painted signs with blue waves across all rallies, video to come; some challenges and post-mortem needed

Alex - what are candidates/districts?

John - huge coalition, True Blue, No IDC NY, live streaming and video, shout out to Comms, everyone in RAR contributed

Harris - education and outreach, voter registration, not just rallies

Non RAR Actions:

Mark M - ADA Action Monday May 7th, anti-HIV discrimination lawsuit against physician, along with 2 other people with HIV, finally get my day in court, will post details on FB, 500 Pearl Street, talk to me for time; Gay Officers Action League (GOAL) coffee with the cops event, will post on FB

Rob - 1. Friday May 11th noon start of 26 hr vigil at FedEx at Bryant Park against 26% discount for NRA members, sign up at [timmurphynycwriter@gmail.com](mailto:timmurphynycwriter@gmail.com)

2. Supporting and urging North and South Korea to sign nuclear disarmament deal, "Don't Bank on the Bomb" campaign to divest NYC from nuclear weapons, launch Friday May 19th boat departing for 79th Street Boat Basin at 10AM and 2PM to sail up the Hudson River, for more info email [rcroon@gmail.com](mailto:rcroon@gmail.com), asking for endorsement of this action, not whole campaign, no budget, want help with Comms and flyering

Annette - can Comms commit to helping?

Andy and Maryellen - Yes

VOTE to Endorse: PASSED

Wroff - I have palm cards, please come see me, and we'll order more

Andy - Book Club on How Democracies Die on Sat was great; May 20th we're reading The End of Policing, 3PM, 363 Broadway, 9th Floor, author Alex Vitale will be there, please spread the word! Also, let's hand deliver the thank you cards, come find me.

The End!