

Rise and Resist Minutes 6/19/2018

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Introduction

Trump Birthday

Trump Birthday report back

Mark: we had a lot of fun. Any questions?

Wroff: Were pro-Trump protesters there?

Jamie: it was the usual people.

Mark: there are 2 immigration bills. One in the Senate.

Suprise report back on EPA actions

There was a demonstration yesterday outside the Cuomo fundraiser at the Plaza Hotel. We co-sponsored it. There were 3 from RaR among other activists. It turned out to be not just a demonstration against fossil fuels. Two groups worked together to change a lot of things, get rid of fossil fuel, etc.

EPA action (CoSponsored)

Cherie

We went to demonstrate against Cuomo's policies

Ended up working in coalition with prison reform group

About 50 people in attendance

Vague

About Abolish ICE

For the 4th of July

Planning meeting with happen in place of Actions Committee for June 20th

The action is not intended to be CD, but authorities may view it that way

There will be various levels of involvement, with the possibility of risk of arrest varying

Pride Contingent

Pride will be this Sunday, the 24th

Relevant ERT vote

Approved new graphics for Pride, unanimously

(Jim has graphics to show)

Will be used for postcards and signs at Pride

Martin

Jake has chosen to step back from RAR after last week's meeting

8 ppl met on Thursday to make new plans for Pride

We want to visit the storage room to check out the older posters

Jamie

For Pride to happen we really need people to volunteer

We will need at least 4 people to go to the locker to get the signs, etc, and distribute them

Some can go with Martin on Thursday or Saturday day of

Will also be handing out hopefully up to 10K postcards

We also have a Gilbert Baker made banner that says "don't trust Trump's lies"

4 volunteers for day of for getting signs

There will be a van that can be used for distributing the postcards (3 volunteers)

We have our 200 wristbands to be able to hand out day of

17th and 8th for entrance to the parade, walking traffic will be going south so must go to stations north of on the subways for access

Posters

Philly Rainbow flag on one side

Other side "We're here, we're queer, we know what to do", space to be filled out for additions by people distributed to

Postcards

New trans and Philly inclusion rainbow flag

Best place for any changes in info will be the Rise and Resist Facebook

Questions

Susan

DOE want to march with 600-700 students in GSAs and are collecting any extra wristbands

Ann

Who should be getting wristbands

Annette

There is a facebook called "No Wristbands" so there are people planning to show up without wristbands as well and make an issue out of it

Mary

What is the relationship between the Resistance Contingent and the Reclaim Pride Coalition?

Jamie

The Resistance Contingent this year is being organized by RPC, who had to push for HOP to re-include the Contingent

There is obviously a lot of overlap between all of these groups and shared members

Jennifer V

What is the conclusion of the last weeks convo?

Martin

The shirts were purchased and we do plan to sell them and the plan was to present during the Finance section

I am trying to work with Act Up to sell at PrideFest, and also with FischerSpooner for Saturday night

Personally I plan to write-in the candidates that I want to win on mine

Jim

There is a website with Reclaim Pride NYC.org (that I made) that has the info for the different groups

Robert

How many groups are in the resistance contingent?

34, but there is a cap of only 2000 wristbands for the contingent

Martin

I will be walking around on Sunday to hand out wristbands

Reclaim Pride

Mark M

I will not be wearing a wristband but still plan to march in Pride, and I hope many of you will join me

Meeting at SVA theatre at 3pm (23rd and 8th ave)

Making chains and posters to demonstrate the unnecessary restrictions

We then plan to march to the staging area and demanding entry

We do not want pushing or any physical altercation, so we are planning a sit in if needed

If they do not let us in then we plan to leave and re-group for other potential actions

If someone comes with us and we are denied, you are free to leave to get a wristband, or even to wear a wristband to march with us to demand that it shouldn't matter

Phil

I have been working with other RPC members to make a protest of the wristbands for when RAR reaches the judges table

We have 4 sets of posters “no wristbands” “limit corporations not people” “Barricades limit people”

We have created 20 chains out of store bought wristbands that are 25 feet long

We want to chant “No Wristbands” at the judges table and hold up our posters and chains, before dropping them at the table

RPC has invited a face painter to paint, we want 3 volunteers to invite people to get their face painted

The beginning of the Resist Contingent will be marching behind the “We Resist” rainbow brigade same as last year, we are hoping to have as many of the groups represented behind the banner as possible

Phil will be the point person for the banner and the front of the parade

Questions

Virginia

Will we be on TV?

No

Andy

The Pride Parade is one year until the 50th anniversary of Stonewall and World Pride

There will also be undocumented immigrants and people with previous records that we want to protect from police attention, so please be very mindful of the marshals

Two weeks from today is the July 3rd meeting, so we want to see how many people plan to attend?

About 18 would like to have meeting, Livvie said that there are 50 ppl in attendance so that is less than half

Read and Resist will be meeting for July 1st about Giovanni’s Room

Comms

Last year we had used just the rainbow grade, but this year we are using the updated and inclusive flags so that will be updated to our online presence as well

We will also be posting live and streaming from within the Contingent

Mike

If we make a poster of our own to bring Sunday is that alright?

Yes, it is strongly encouraged

Martin

This is the moment for us to strongly demonstrate our multiplicity of values

Ken

Absolutely, this is the moment to bring in new people, to reuse props, etc

Elections

Cherie

Since the April 29th rallies we have put together a video to make a strong anti-IDC statement, it is now posted on the RAR YouTube channel and will be added to the RAR website soon too

Thanks to Blake Pruitt for doing the editing and putting it together

Claire

The United Federations of Teachers, who represents NYC teachers, has endorsed a member of the IDC despite their anti-education positions and they have a delegate meeting this week and we would like to go with fliers and posters to educate their members

June 20th, 3:45 to 4:30 at the UFT HQ, 52nd Bway

Reaching out to coalition as well but not expecting a big turnout

Stu

It's just the delegates, so the Union reps from the schools in the city?

Yes, and hopefully the leadership

Mel

I attended the last demo down there, but I hope that this time we can get inside

Would it make any difference to have a UFT membership card to get inside? I have one to use

John

It is a good idea to share this once it happens, because people will react with the same disbelief that the IDC is still being supported

Vote for Sponsorship

Unanimous Approval

Ert Vote for Immigration

An emergency protest in response to the Supreme Court ruling on the 4th(?) version of the "Muslim Ban", so there are groups organizing to show up in solidarity with the Muslim and immigrant community when the decision is rendered.

Potentially either this Thursday or next Monday

Approval seemingly unanimous

Caroline Maloney and Disability Issues

Jennifer B

Caroline Maloney, her congresswoman, was in 2012 still discussing vaccines causing autism and has made very disparaging remarks about people with autism
She also has 0 disability platform and yet she is still very popular as a rep
If she is your rep please call her office and ask her to clarify her positions about disability rights
She also is a supporter of the bill to remove guns from "the mentally ill" which can also be somewhat discriminatory with how diagnoses are currently done in the system

Immigration

Jody/Stu

People are very aware of immigration issues because of the child separation, but RAR already had a dissolve/abolish ICE campaign, and we are planning to maybe do a 5 day action marathon in front of the detention center in NYC

Tom Gilroy made shirts that say "Abolish ICE" to wear for this

Hoping to have at least 20 ppl each day

Immigration will be collecting interested people's info, reach out to them at

rar.immigration@gmail.com

Lizzy

I have a somewhat thorough list of actions happening around the children separation issue, to keep from competing with others

Jamie

I would hope that we can do an action when the offices are opened

I don't want to do a week's worth of action outside of a closed office building

Jody

Rev Billy has been able to stop ICE vans from leaving around 5-6pm so it may still work, but we can look into the hours

Jackie

There's a jail? Are there any detainees there?

No, there are people being processed there if they are intaken in NYC, but it does not have long retention center

Cotter

Why did we move away from next week when this is such an immediate issue?

To be able to try to join in coalition efforts that are likely already happening

Diane

I hope that the team that is meeting can consider the detention center at the Federal Building

MaryEllen

I like the later time to try to make sure that people can join us in numbers

Stu

Once we get this going we want to get a lot of coalition involvement

Lizzy

There are almost daily actions

World Refugee Day, from the Library to the UN 5pm - African Communities together

Rev Billy actions

June 30th as the National Day of Action by the ACLU and MoveOn, main action will be in DC
(GAG is organizing some buses)

Interest for DC: ~10

Interest for NYC: ~7

There is a march from Times Sq to Trump Tower at 12pm on June 30th

Abolish ICE stickers/buttons

Spending under \$100 to make

Would sell them at \$1

Supported by Fundraising committee

(No objections)

Print more postcards "Keep ICE out of the courts"

Mailed to Janet DiFiore, the Chief Administrative Judge for NY, she has the power to keep ICE out of the NYC courts and we want to give postcards for citizens to be able to mail to her

Diane

Can we agree on one NYC action for those that do not go to DC?

Andy

NYC IC (NYC Immigration Coalition) has announced for 10 am on the 30th, a march from Foley Sq across the Brooklyn Bridge

A march for families, kids are encouraged to come

As a way to recreate a former significant march

Mel

NSC (New Sanctuary Coalition) is looking to visit the tent city in TX and want volunteers to come for July 8th, self-funded

Immigration is also doing education tabling about Abolish ICE

So far scheduled for July 28th, 11am-3pm, at Dyckman St and Bway

Feel free to suggest good locations

NYS driver's licenses are not available to undocumented immigrants, which they had been before, so please pressure Cuomo to re-allow that

That is a part of the issue with the Ft Hamilton arrest of the deliveryman, who was targeted because he did not have a NYS driver's license

Vote to Approve Support for Both

Near Unanimous for Both

New Actions

Poor People's' Campaign

Ann

Mark H and I want to organize for the Poor People's' Campaign action happening this weekend Poor Peoples Campaign.org has a plug in tool using zip codes for you to find ways to get involved

There is room in the buses to be able to go to DC

Email aerubin13@gmail.com

Finance

Rent was \$380 tonight

Net worth is \$3467.32

Pride Shirts will be sold going forward

There are also new Pride Shirts on the online store

There will also be new buttons to potentially sell at Pride

Stonewall Was A Riot bricks for \$10

Will be sold at Pride

In-person fundraising meeting to be scheduled, email fundraising@riseandresist.org

Good Trouble

They are doing a feature on activists, Andy may be featured

They also have good creatives who are interested to help if possible

Security training

We are planning a training around digital security with a dozen NYC activists

Led by global expert who trains activists under authoritarian regimes

Use signal, use password managers, and two factor authentication

Non RAR

Andy

There is a 7 min audio clip of the child detention center online for those who would want

There are several gov't orgs that are involved in the process and I would like to find an office that is involved in NYC and play that audio for them on film to post online

Hopefully for Thursday or Friday

4 or 5 potential places

Reach out to andyratto@gmail.com

Votes

- 1) We voted to cosponsor the IDC protest at the teacher's union meeting.
- 2) We voted to endorse the ERT vote in support of the emergency Muslim Ban protest
- 3) We voted to endorse the ERT vote in support of Pride graphics.
- 4) Vote to Approve Support for Both the NYC and DC End Family Separation Marches