

March 19, 2019 Minutes Rise and Resist General Meeting

@ The Peoples Forum

Facilitating: Jennifer., Ken

Notes: Livvie

Slides: Dann

Greeter: Alexandra

ASL Interpreter: Elizabeth

Elevator Committee Courthouse Rally Report Back - Jennifer Van Dyk

Judge Hegler had told people that he didn't want to set a precedent re: accessibility. Elevator Committee got him a precedent so he gave MTA 1 chance to get accessibility by May 7 court date. If not by then he'll hold them in broad violation of human rights.

Elevator group postcard action

People asked to fill out postcards re: accessibility.

Actions Group Report Back: Seeking Asylum is Not a Crime Rick Weisfeld

There have been multiple actions - 6 of them (?)

Jamie: Asked about dealing with trolls - was it effective? Sean: yes, made it feel safer. Stu: trolls drew more people to join action. Jovi Vall (troll) had new friends with him - Andy asked for people to send in photos and videos of new trolls whenever spotted. Ian: What to do about people keeping files on RaR et al? Jay: it happens but not a threat

New Actions

Seeking Asylum is not a Crime. 5:30 - 6:30, Friday March 29, in front of Times Square Recruiting Station where the big neon flag is.

Release the Documents - Trump Tower, 1 pm Thursday, 3.21 -Jamie

Seven of the document releasers are in Trump Tower, making it a better target this time. "Release the documents, cooperate with DOJ."

Poster party at UAW Wednesday, 3.20, 6-8. UAW.

Koch Lies The Planet Dies - Met. Koch Plaza - March 24, 1:00. Cherie

Should be big, maybe Rude Mechanical Orchestra, 350 BK, Food & Water Watch are co-sponsoring, other groups attending. Poster party at 12 Bedford, Saturday 3.23, 1-4. Climate Action has spent \$400 already on poster, asking for \$200 more for flowers, more personal posters. Voted to approve.

Patricia Sentencing! No Jail Time! 5 years probation! 200 hours of Community Service.

Rise and Resist and others showed up at 8:00 a.m. in support. She was found guilty on three charges, but thanks to lots of Kuby brilliant back and forth, there was no jail time. Ankle bracelet removed. What about Texas charges? No one knows. Reminder of how inspiring Patricia's action was.

Cards for Chelsea Manning, Tim

Chelsea's in custody until she agrees to testify for Grand Jury. Reclaim Pride and RaR supporting her with cards. Tim broke his arm.

Co-sponsorship Request - NYC4AR - Ed

When RHA was passed Focus on the Family was pissed. On Saturday May 4 Focus on Family is doing "Alive From New York" action with live ultrasound on Bway billboard. Request is for RaR to co sponsor a counter-protest. Open ended, lots of groups. No vote taken tonight, need more planning meetings first, Non-binding straw polls to assess interest in attending, interest in co-sponsoring, interest in endorsing. Some people will go to planning meeting.

Elections - Livvie

We have a problem around money in elections. One alternative is small donor matching funds. This is the thing that every other action we care about depends on.

It will be hard to push our progressive agenda while politicians are being bought. The supporters of this bill in the Assembly are starting to back out of their commitment.

Senate/Assembly/Governor are working on the budget - and there is a rumour that Publicly Funded Elections might not make it into the budget. The only way to prevent that is pressure on Albany.

RAR Elections signed on to two letters in support of this. One to Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and one to Carl Heastie.

Thursday - Huge call relay.

<https://makenytrueblue.org/>

<https://fairelectionsny.org/>

The Supreme Court ruled it has to be an opt in system.

rar.elections@gmail.com for questions or comments.

Health Care Committee Report Back on Action in support of sustaining Medicaid funding.

Report Back on “Drop Fox” Action - Andy

On March 14. Many groups involved, held during meeting that Fox was having with their advertisers to allay concerns about being associated with Fox. Bayer dropped Fox, maybe as a result of pressure.

In May there will be an even bigger presentation - **May “Up Fronts”** - to advertisers to get them to stay with Fox. There will be an action around that too.

Side note: Giant Trump Rat - George.

9:00 a.m. Monday, March 25, outside of Fox and Friends.

Report Back on United Against Racism and Fascism Action -

250 people, speakers, including Jay Walker, on United Nations Day of Elimination of Racism and Fascism. 60 cities participated. Foley Square to Washington Square Park March. Huge police presence, no arrests, no injuries, handful of Proud Boys present but left early. Comment that it was small and depressing.

Postcard Party at Rachel's -

For Judge Lisa Neubauer for Wisconsin Supreme Court. March 21, Thursday, 6:30. RaR Facebook for details.

Finance - \$119 collected tonight. - Rob

Vote to approve \$256 for business cards to hand out at actions. Approved. Grant money expires on June 30, \$700 left to spend. But is being replenished.

Non Rise and Resist Events - Jay Walker

#walkaway - a fake movement to encourage women, lgbtq, people of color to leave Dem party. Brandon Stracher originated, Brietbart backed. Coming to NYC on 3.27 Wednesday, at Magic Johnson Theater, 7:00, 125th Street. Doing event at LGBT Center during the Gay Awards Ceremony. Need to tell LGBT center to not rent them space. Write to LGBT Board members!

Defend Abortion and Fight the Right in NYC - NYC4AR Ed.

Monday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. Foley Square.

Patient Defense Rally - Saturday, April 6, 8:00 a.m. 263 Mott Street.
Planned Parent clinic patient defense. NYC4AR website for details.

Read and Resist - Andy

L.A. Kaufman - has a new Book, *How to Read a Demonstration*. Want to invite L.A. but only if lots of people show up in late April.

Close Rikers - Andy

RaR joined the campaign last year. Next meeting is Wednesday, 3.20, 6-8, Fulton Street Brooklyn. Asking for RaR people to go to meeting and advocate for no more jails, and if they continue to want new jails, maybe drop out of coalition.