

## RAR General Meeting Minutes 3/12/19

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- Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm at the People's Forum, 320 W 37th St, New York, NY 10018

**Facilitators:** Jody and John

Greeter: Paul

Notes: Nilber

Slides: Martin

(10) Welcome (NYPD, Journalists, Get off your phone, Step Up/Step Back,  
Raise your hand and give Name & Pronouns, Mission Statement, Metro Cards)

(5) Everyone says their name [New Intro]

Introduce greeter and Elizabeth the ASL translator

Report Backs

(5) Charter Commission

Maureen Report Back

Well attended - Packed house

Elected Civilian Review Board - Police Accountability (Currently appointed by Mayor, Police Commissioner, City Council)

<https://www.stoppoliceviolencenyc.org/>

Support from multiple organizations

### **Upcoming Actions**

(10) Elevators-Courthouse Rally Thursday, March 14, 9AM at 60 Centre St.  
and update on subway renovation ruling ERT Vote

[Judge Rules MTA Should Have Installed Elevators When It Renovated Bronx Subway Station](#)

Court Ruled Against MTA - Renovations must include installation of elevator (regardless of cost unless unfeasible). Bronx Station Renovation without Elevator

Loopholes: What constitutes renovation? Definition of what is unfeasible?

Civil Rights Case Filed Against MTA - Violation of civil rights system-wide.  
Rally 9AM 3/14/19 - Prior to Hearing - Includes Coalition of Orgs

ERT - [[Rally](#) Posted prior to vote through ERT]  
GM Endorsement: Vote Endorsed

Friday [UAW](#), 6:30P-8:30P 3/15/19 - Postcard Party - Send to NY Legislators, MTA Board

(5) [Trump Is The Emergency](#), Immigrants Are Not The Enemy Thursday,  
March 14-Oculus at 5:30PM

(5) [Koch Lies The Planet Dies](#) - Sunday, March 24 1PM at Met Museum Koch  
Plaza

### **Climate Action Group - Claire**

Messages: Calling out Climate Denial (Koch support of narrative/media). Calling for Aggressive  
Policy Implementation - 'Climate Emergency'  
Logistics - Posters / Lighted Signs - No Banner(s)

Org Co-Sponsors - 350 & Food Watch

Martin Suggestion: Press Release. Claire drafting release  
Mark Suggestion : Handing out leaflet? - CAG Drafting Flyer to distribute - Call for Govt Reps  
Elza Suggestion: [Student Strike](#) / XR Event - RaR/CAG to distribute Flyers

Suggestion: Rise and Resist Palm Cards to HandOut - Paul will bring to CAG

### **Rally at Castle Bridge School**

Protest at School - ICE parked next to school - Teachers spoke to ICE and ICE left - with Lori  
and Mel [Find Arx]  
Created song for Patricia Okoumou

(10) [Nation magazine article](#) on DHS Surveillance of NYC activist groups-[NBC](#)  
[San Diego](#) expose of secret list of journalists and activists at the border.

Monitoring through FB Events - Platform for promotion vs surveillance/monitoring  
(COINTELPRO legacy)  
Recog. of caution - focus on messaging  
Potential for disruption, infiltration, cause conflict

Jackie Suggestion: Greater moderation on RaR Page/Discussion - Block users and comment  
deletion

John Response: FB is moderated according to RaR guidance/policies. Have RaR members report/flag offensive/disruptive comments

Andy Media Group ReportBack

- Intel collected based on info RaR publicized deliberately - Publicly available info. Acknowledge lack of info security - RaR Events receive media attention, heavily photographed - caution for undocumented persons, persons with records

Elka Suggestion: Training assistance for securing/protecting communications, platforms. Protecting sensitive communications with those in precarious positions (across the border). Guidelines for engaging/addressing infiltrators/provocateurs at events.

John Response: Awareness of issues. Not allow intimidation.

Alexis Suggestion: Organizing openly and democratically. Non-violent ethos, Avoid paranoia. Actions not about CD, but open resistance

Paul Suggestion: Ran information security workshops.

Rick Suggestion: Not Tag Individual names on Event Media.

John Response: Media Group does not tag individuals. RaR members not tag individuals'

Suggestion: Use Generational, 'institutional' activist knowledge, judgment to spot law enforcement/infiltrators

Martin: FB Privacy Settings. Schedule FB Privacy Workshop. Straw Poll - several members interested.

Jackie: Here to Resist Openly and Fuck Things Up

Picture Justice Program (Students at Voyages Prep College) under PROOF

Exhibition at PROOF Studios

Inviting RaR Members to be subjects of exhibition

Theme Youth Engagement & Social Change Movements

(20) New Actions

\*Impeach Action at Trump Tower (Highlight 7 Trump Employees on Nadler's document request list).

"Revised messaging for Seeking Asylum Is Not A Crime actions

Gerard Nadler - Podcast

Sent 81 dox requests for 7 individuals from testimony

Address crimes committed by Trump - Southern NY DA

Proposing Thurs 3/21/19. 1PM  
MSM - [Impeach Trump Now](#) - The Atlantic

**Sponsorship Vote - Sponsorship Passed**

**Funding Vote - Passed**

Budget

\$500 - Protest Materials & Shipping. For future use as well

Impeach Trump Banner

Signs/Posters on Trump Employees & Trump Crimes

Mark Suggestion: Framing of Trump Org as Criminal Enterprise

Jamie Response: Employees being called out. Covering Up Trump. Messaging on Impeachment

Question on Location Situation:

Jamie: Funky with Police Pens, RaR Funky with Response

Actions Group

Donna, Jackie, Mark

Seeking Asylum Actions Messaging Updating

Broaden Focus on Immigration Issues

New Message - 'Our Immigration Policy is a Crime' - New Banner, Signs,

Open Floor to Rephrasing Message

US Immigration Policy is a Crime.

Trump's Immigration Policy is a Crime.

Consider length of Banner Message.

Temp of Room - Straw Poll Vote (non-binding vote)

Our - 14

US - Majority of Room

Trump - 5

**Sponsorship Vote for Funding: \$500 - PASSED**

New Banner

Friday 3/29/19 5:30PM Seeking Asylum is a Crime Action - New Venue

Times Square Army Recruiting Station (?)

(5) Update and Support for Patricia Okoumou (3/19 Sentencing)

Elka part of RaR Committee supporting Patricia.

8AM 3/19/19

Rally support at sentencing.

RaR Committee drafting position statement for media. Ask for Speaker - Contact Elka or Donna

If she shows she's actively seeking employment - leniency on sentencing

[Form](#) to Fill out

(3/15/19 - Pre-Sentencing Meeting)

Patricia under house arrest. Few months jail, year probation

Rick Suggestion: Places of employment - Brooklyn Boulders

Donna Question: Show Applying for Jobs or Need to receive job offers?

Suggestion: For Medicaid recipients eligible for In-Home Supportive Services - Patricia can be offered.

Elka Question: Can Patricia be offered a job through RaR? Response: No

Ann: Spread the word through PPC for job openings

(10) Healthcare- Poor People's Campaign at Wall St. on March 18 at Noon

Mark, Ann

State Budget Proposals

True Blue Coalition

Tax Revenue Proposal - Raising taxes to fund health care, edu, social services, PT

Fair Elections Proposal - Campaign Finance Reform - Small donor matching system, etc

VOCAL, WFP - undertaking actions this week

Zephyr Teachout, Chair of Elections Committee - Mass mobilization call - Get Link (?)

In-person mobilization 3/16/19 Saturday

[Fight Poverty Not the Poor NYC Action](#)

Raising awareness on State Budget Impact

Housing Schools, Social Services

Campaign has 20x30 Fabric Banners - need materials to drape or attach posters for picketing

TPF Planning Meeting & Art Build

11A-2P 3/15/19

3/18/19 PPC Marshal Training

**Ask for RaR Endorsement: Vote - PASSED**

(5) [Drop Fox](#) demo March 13 at 11AM at FOX 1211 6th Ave.

Emergency Meeting with Advertisers to address concerns  
Coalition led by Media Matters

(5) [UARAF March Against Racism and Fascism March](#) 16 Noon at Foley Sq.

Kick-off event UARAF  
UN Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

(5) Comms

(5) Finance  
\$15,500  
No change in finances from previous week  
Collected \$130  
\$1700 Grant - Must spend within 3 ½ months

(10) Non Rise and Resist actions and announcements

Donna  
[End Endless US Wars](#)  
Anniversary of the Invasion of Iraq  
3/19/19

Elka  
5/11/17 anniversary of killing by police - Angie's Husband (?)  
Tim  
SAGE - Meeting with Health Committees of Congress  
Call for issues to relay to members of Congress - timothynyc4@gmail.com

[NYU Climate Strike](#)

[Annual Rally for Abortion Rights](#)

NYC for Abortion Rights  
Reproductive Health Act Passage (RHA)