

Rise and Resist General Meeting: 6.11.2019

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 - Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm at the [People's Forum](#), 320 W 37th St, New York, NY 10018
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Notes - Lynne, **Facilitators** - Lizzie and John

Welcome: NYPD, Journalists, Get off your phone, Encourage to speak – raise your hand and give Name & Pronouns, Metro Cards

Everyone says their name

REPORT BACKS

Impeach Action at The Society for Ethical Culture, Friday, June 7th

Stu and Kellen reported back. The group outside was a respectable size, noticeable without being interruptive. Some carried signs and banners and called out “Impeach Trump.” People entering seemed very glad to see them. Jill Weinbach, the Watergate Attorney & frequent guest on MSNBC was entering and friendly. After that Jerry Nadler came in. He was not unfriendly but in a hurry. David Dinkins and Joaquin Jeffries were also there, but nobody saw Jeffries enter. The group consisted of about 100 people. Kellen received 1 of 3 student tickets and went inside. The student stayed in the back, holding “Defend Democracy” and “Impeach Now.” As Jerry spoke, he looked up frequently and seemed to be looking directly at the signs. Andy asked about photos. Diane explained that per Kellen, it was too dark inside to get them.

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Move On Actions June 15th. Move On is planning a series of rallies across the country for Saturday, June 15. Martin reported that New York City’s will take place at Foley Square from noon to 3pm. He said activists will be speaking; not politicians. We have been asked to bring banners. Kellen offered to help Martin bring the banners. Martin said that plans are not set in

stone: we might walk to the bull statue downtown. Alexis brought up that she finds Foley Square problematic. She was far from alone. The group appeared in consensus that Foley Square is nobody's choice spot at any time and even worse on weekends. About 12 people said they'd come. Lizzie encouraged us to bring friends and reminded us that this is not our event; it is Move On's. We agreed not to plan a meeting spot; we will find each other.

Reclaim Pride - Andy and Dan gave a presentation about the Reclaim Pride parade, march and rally planned for Sunday June 30. Andy is very involved with the planning. Dan said the group is going to meet at Sheridan Square at 9 am, the march will begin with a choreographed "step off" at 9:30. The group will march to Bryant Park, arriving by 11 am to pick up late arrivers. The march will continue to Central Park where a rally is being planned. **Andy said the 9:30 Step Off is very important.** It is planned to be powerful and photogenic. This is not a moment to arrive late! The rally in Central Park will have name speakers. They are preparing to use all platforms, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Alexis added that **marshalls should arrive by 8:30 am** and that there will be a Marshall training before the event. An additional event, a Queer Liberation march on Sunday, June 23.

Additionally, Reclaim Pride has online store with many unique and interesting t-shirts. Recommended people order early to be on time for Queer Liberation march. The website is reclaimpridenyc.org. There will be poster-making. Dan reminded the group that on June 30th, trains will be backed up and crowded and to keep that in mind while planning to arrive before 9:30 am Step Off.

Immigration Action June 14th - Diane presented the Immigration Action planned for Trump's birthday, Friday June 14, at 6:30 pm. This will take place at the Trump Hotel at Columbus Circle on the Broadway side. It is planned as a somewhat silent action, like a vigil. Demonstrators will carry photos of children in cages, children separated from their parents, etc. Stu said these photos will be accompanied by signs saying, "Trump: Celebrate Your Birthday." A plurality of the room raised their hands when asked if they planned to attend.

Potential Letter Writing Campaign to Influence Bar Association to Start Disbarment Procedures of Attorneys found guilty of Criminal Contempt of Congress by the House of Representatives. Lynne had suggested this last week and been asked to research it. No impeachment process can succeed without Fact Witnesses and the White House and the Justice Department have been working to deny potential Fact Witnesses from appearing before House Committees. Lynne reported she had been invited to a meet 'n greet with a congressman Thursday, June 6. They spoke for several minutes. He found the idea interesting and worth pursuing. The two agreed that he can guide her but his name cannot be directly associated. He said the first step was finding McGahn's Bar Association, probably NYC or DC and how to do it. When Barr showed a second time his fear of Criminal Contempt as opposed to Civil Contempt, Lynne decided to learn about Barr as well as McGahn. Three hours worth of investigation uncovered that Donald F McGahn is a member in good standing of the District of Columbia Bar and William P Barr is a member in good standing of both the NYC and DC bars. Lynne reported she'd found that the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel had in May written a 12-page

decision stating that Donald F McGahn did not have to appear before Congress due to his previous role as a senior aide to the President. Her next steps include finding out why House committees are ignoring this decision, discussing the difference between Criminal and Civil contempt as regards Barr, and recommending Criminal Contempt for both. Should one or both put themselves in a guilty position, what are the best ways of reaching the members of the Bar who could proceed with initiating disbarment procedures at which point the process of getting many letters of complaint to these committees would begin.

COLLECT RENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert initiated rent collection and announced that there would be a selection of t-shirts and buttons on sale after the meeting. Susan later reported we had collected \$138 and modeled a new winter hat that is now available.

Healthcare Group - NY Health Act

Ken reported that at a hearing on May 28 which had been packed. There will be additional meetings. Both Houses are in favor, but there is a need to call our Assembly Speakers to urge them to vote YES on the health act. There are 31 cosponsors in the Senate and we need 32.

National Congress of the Poor Peoples' Campaign

Healthcare is very important to the Poor Peoples' Campaign. There will be a big rally in Washington DC. The rally will be the culmination of a three day event. On the first day, people can choose topics, for example, "How can the poor have a voice in society?" The second day will consist of workshops and the third will be the rally. (or an action?) On Capitol Hill.

The Campaign will cover all expenses for Katrina to attend, covering travel and hotel. RAR will pay \$300 to cover expenses. Alexandra informed the group that the Peoples' Forum is part of The Poor Peoples' Campaign. People will be coming to the District of Columbia from 40 states. Ann cover own expenses This will be an incredible networking opportunity as it will offer the chance to meet people from all around the country. Ken explained this is not an impeach action. The group **voted unanimously to approve a grant of \$300** to the Poor Peoples' Campaign for Katrina's expenses.

Make New York True Blue Livvie showed a Report Card of how bills in now all-Democratic Albany is actually doing. While there were some strengths, particularly women's issues and getting guns off the streets, there is a surprising lack of growth in many other areas. To see the report card, go to: makenytrueblue.org/event.

Climate Action Group Stu reported that the NY City Council has moved to create new city department entitled "The Department for Sustainability and Climate". Additionally, they are working to create a resolution for Climate Emergency. The vote will take place at 1pm on June 24 at City Hall. Stu added that 40% of climate emissions in NYC come from buildings and that is something for which solutions will be sought within the year.

ERT Election Rise and Resist maintains an Emergency Response Team for making decisions between meetings. We are two people short. 3 people ran, Tim, Susan, and Livvie.. Tim's statement was read aloud as he could not attend. Susan and Livvie were elected.

NON - RISE AND RESIST ACTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken, who'd been watching the NY Times on his phone, announced that the **NY State Rent Stabilization** vote had just taken place and that tenants had won. Apartments will no longer be taken out of rent stabilization and brought to market value as easily. New tenant moving into rent stabilized apartment will no longer provide landlords with 20% automatic increase.

Read and Resist Andy announced that Read and Resist's next book will be The Stonewall Reader, meeting on July 5. He then came to the front and opened up a discussion about the Mueller Report. The ensuing conversation included the many ways of accessing it , including live readings, the difficulty of reading it, etc. But, when Andy asked the group, "Who here tonight has read the Mueller Report?" Not one hand went up. The entire group then agreed that we would buckle down and read Part One in July and Part Two in August. It was unclear if this meant the entire group of active participants in Rise and Resist or just those in Read and Resist. We discussed ways of sharing quotes around the city in the fall once we have read it.

Request Elizabeth Bright, our ASL signer, asked if we would let her tape herself signing at one of our meetings. She needs this for her license. Permission was unanimous.

FOX News Marlene recommended that we begin a campaign to go after Fox News. Her announcement was greeted with interest, excitement, and many ideas. We decided we would not begin until Fall.

Trump Plans for July 4th Trump's plans for 4th of July should be met with protest. Right now a demonstration on the mall in DC is under discussion. Mary announced that we have digital banners and flyers online and can send them to the people in DC to print out. Again, met with general affirmation.

Recommended Media Martin recommended we familiarize ourselves with a website called "Sleeping Giants." Andy and Stu recommended another called, "Drain the NRA."

Pulse Orlando Three Year Marker - Silent Vigil at the Stonewall Inn, June 12th 7pm
Kellen announced the June 28th [Annual Trans Day of Action](#) will take place from 4-6pm at Washington Square Park.

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