

## Rise and Resist General Meeting: 6.4.2019

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**Notes** - Alexandra, **Facilitators** - Jamie and Kellen

**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**

#### **May 30, Seeking Asylum Is Not A Crime – moved to Oculus**

**Donna:** Action was moved from Staten Island Ferry to the Oculus because of rain. Big success. People were very interested. Many people joined in. They said action gave them hope. We perform an important function. People need to see these photo images. Livvie, Stu, Paul, Claire all added to the discussion. Grim/somber faces that RaR protesters held were very appropriate, and reflected discipline.

#### **ERT and filling open ERT slots**

**Claire:** a member of the Emergency Response Team described the work of the ERT  
We have two openings.

Timothy, Susan L, and Livvie nominated themselves. Questions of term limits will be addressed in future.

Discussion of how ERT decisions are made.

**It was decided that an email will be sent out to all RaR members to make sure everyone who wants to can join.**

#### **Elections Committee – Albany update**

**Livvie:** Many people may have been arrested today regarding the 9 housing bills that are up for a vote.

Downtown Women for Change: item was discussed about adding no discrimination on basis of sex. Elections had approved it and wanted to inform meeting.

**There are many, many opportunities to call about a number of issues.** Each call takes very little time.

**Go to [makenytrueblue.org/events](http://makenytrueblue.org/events) –**

Next Tuesday: people will come up to Albany: CCPA (climate) and Fair Elections.

## **UPCOMING ACTIONS**

**MTA: tomorrow pivotal/final decision to be made in the court. 9 AM: 60 Centre Street**

**Miriam:** We want to pack the court. Judge has said that accessibility must be provided. Judge is waffling. We want it on the books that accessibility is the law.

Lawyers defending the MTA could not answer the Judge's questions. They are saying MTA has no money. Resistors have been sending in messages about many examples of wastage.

Last time the court was packed. This was important.

**RaR contingent: Reclaim Pride March - Meet at 9AM: Sheridan Square**

**The march will take off at 9:30 AM sharp.**

It has not quite been determined exactly at Sheridan Square where people will meet (this is being negotiated with the Police)

**Poster Board party:** date and location to be announced by next meeting.

Dann, Alan: Focus: simple messaging about the attacks and murders of LGBTQ folks.

**March's course:** Walk from Sheridan Square to Bryant Park is 4 miles long. **Many people will be starting at Bryant Park at around 11 AM.** Rise and Resistors can meet with the RaR contingent that is coming up from Sheridan Square.

## **FACILITATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

- **Rent collected**
- **If you have a complaint about the People's Forum....**

Please let the Facilitators know so that they can choose ONE person to let TPF know of any problems. Last week several people complained, which is not ideal.

- **June tasks were almost entirely allocated.**
- **Plan: have some Metrocards on file so that if Kellen is not present, RaR has access.**

**NE:**

**Friday June 7 at 5:30 – Nadler at Ethical Culture 2 West 64<sup>th</sup> Street**

Rick and Alex: Jerry Nadler is getting an award. RAR will have a banner out. 4 RAR members have tickets to go inside. Nadler will support impeachment if there is public support. We need to show public support. This will not be a confrontational action.

Hakim Jeffries is supposed to be there: he is a good target.

**Rise and Resist voted in favor of this action.**

**Friday June 14 at 6:30: While Trump Celebrates his birthday, Children are in Cages.  
Start Broadway side of Trump Hotel at 63-64<sup>th</sup> Street, 1 Central Park West  
Rise and Resist voted in favor of this action.**

**Extinction Rebellion speaker: Bill Beckler speaker**

Summary: November 5 2018 bridges were blocked in London. As a result, the Mayor of London stated that Climate Change is an emergency.

January 2019: first action in NYC: 300 people thought about it as an existential threat to humanity

Beckler and RaR members described NYC Action with people lying on the ice

March 15 2019 Student strike; thousands of kids marched across the world: 16 people arrested in NYC

April 2019 action at City Hall: 62 arrested blocking entrances at Brooklyn Bridge. (Bill De Blasio wants to build a sea wall around the Financial District.)

In UK protesters recently closed several streets down for ten days. After that UK Parliament declared climate emergency; Ireland too.

Bigger direct actions are being planned.....

200 species are going extinct per day.

Scientists are saying that there is a significant chance that humanity will go extinct: polar caps, permafrost melting; methane released. Humans will provoke natural phenomena that can't be solved.

Climate refugees have provoked global fascism. Walls, closed gates, barriers, war.

Our first goal is to tell the truth. We feel that we have to use the language of emergency. We should not be focusing on voting but on rebellion.

NYC could be the largest city to declare that we are in a state of climate emergency

**Extinction Rebellion US Demands:**

1. That the Government must tell the truth about the climate and wider ecological emergency, it must reverse all policies not in alignment with that position and must work alongside the media to communicate the urgency for change including what individuals, communities and businesses need to do.
2. The Government must enact legally-binding policies to reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2025 and take further action to remove the excess of atmospheric greenhouse gases. It must cooperate internationally so that the global economy runs on no more than half a planet's worth of resources per year.
3. We do not trust our Government to make the bold, swift and long-term changes necessary to achieve these changes and we do not intend to hand further power to our politicians. Instead we demand a Citizens' Assembly to oversee the changes, as we rise from the wreckage, creating a democracy fit for purpose.
4. We demand a just transition that prioritizes the most vulnerable people and indigenous sovereignty; establishes reparations and remediation led by and for Black people, Indigenous people, people of color and poor communities for years of environmental injustice, establishes legal rights for ecosystems to thrive and regenerate in perpetuity, and repairs the effects of

ongoing ecocide to prevent extinction of humans and all species, in order to maintain a livable, just planet for all.

Extinction Rebellion is defying all predictions: actions are amazingly easy to organize; the organization is booming.

**RaR members asked questions about Extinction Rebellion's internal structure and decision making process:** Answer: following principles, it is happening all across the world; old structures are outmoded.

Questions about **legal support**: Answer: Two lawyers for misdemeanors have volunteered; we can get more.

**Action: Saturday June 22 at noon focusing on media.....**

**Rise and Resist voted to endorse this action.**

### **Climate action group - September 23<sup>rd</sup> action in the works**

Stu talked about working with Leslie Kagan of the People's Climate Movement. Discussed emerging ideas:

- Visual representation, large scale.
- "Stop and listen": block streets and have people listen to why this is happening.
- Youth, adults?
- Connect this with world-wide immigration/refugees.
  - o Temperature in India yesterday was 124 degrees
  - o 1 billion people may be roaming the earth searching for safe haven.
- Stu requested that RaR support the Statement of Collaboration

**Rise and Resist voted to endorse a statement of collaboration with People's Climate Movement.**

### **Healthcare: Mark H, Alex, Leon**

Healthcare requested feedback from the members present about their interest and any ideas in relation to Going after Pence/Religious right/attacks on all women/women of color/trans people.

Feedback from the floor:

- Look at who is blocking single payer Health Care (Medicare for all)
  - o Focus on specific candidates
- Churches /Religious institutions?
- Focus on Businesses that support religious interference in right to healthcare

### **Non Rise and Resist actions and announcements**

Move On Action planned: June 15 Saturday. IMPEACH

Martin reported drawing from Ann R's notes

- National day of action with 500 cities participating
- Teach in in Washington Square Park?
- Move On states it wants better, broader coalition: is working to collaborate with Make the Road, etc.

Jamie: (with Facilitator Hat off): Move On is an arm of the Democratic Party. Recommends that we endorse the action, and participate if we want to, but not engage further. Donna: no time to prepare anything anyway.

**Rise and Resist voted to endorse this action.**

**Finance**

RaR has \$14,000 in bank, with an increase of \$600 from two weeks ago. All moneys from the Mustie Fund Grant have been spent by the deadline.

We collected \$226 tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

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