

Rise and Resist General Meeting: 8.6.2019

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Notes - Alexandra, Facilitators - Jody and Jay

Welcome - NYPD or Law enforcement - Please identify yourselves, Journalists - please identify yourselves if you are reporting on this meeting. To general membership: Just because people have not self-identified as NYPD or Journalists doesn't mean that there aren't police or journalists present. We welcome journalists and their media entities, but we ask that they identify themselves in the event that people do not want to be recorded.

Please put your phones away; let's remain present.

Folks who are in spaces like this normally speak a lot. We ask that you step back, and give space to people who may not be as comfortable speaking in a group to step up. We ask new folks to feel empowered to ask questions, to speak up, and to participate.

With that said: Please identify if this is your first time: Mel is our greeter -

Whenever you get up to speak, the first time, please identify yourself by your name and your pronouns in use.

If anyone has any financial difficulty and needs to receive a 2-way metro card to help with the expenses of coming to this meeting, speak with Kellen.

Remember, we are all friends - We are here because we are all united against the multiflorous horrors taking place in our country right now. We may disagree, but we are here with a similar goal, and we are all in it to try to win some success.

Each person says their name.

REPORTBACKS

Stop the attacks on Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, Ilhan Omar, Ayanna Pressly, and Rashida Tlaib, July 31 at Trump Tower, (Jamie)

I had come to the floor a couple weeks ago to bring a T shirt saying "Stop the attacks on: Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, Ilhan Omar, Ayanna Pressly, and Rashida Tlaib. 24 people entered Trump Tower.

The goal of this demonstration was to press the limit on what we could do in Trump Tower. We lined the inside of Trump Tower which made guards and Secret Service quite anxious. Stood in the lobby, up and down the escalator, went into the gift shop. We spent a half an hour.

Laurie Arbiter and her printer donated the shirts.

You can PURCHASE one of the shirts if you are interested - they are up for sale on the R + R Website: <https://store.riseandresist.org/>

Question from a member: Can we donate to Laurie Arbiter's organization?

Answer: The organization: wewillnotbesilent.net (Laurie Arbiter), and the printer, is wordsinprogress.

Impeach Action at the Trump Hotel and Tower Monday, August 5th, 5:30 pm

20 people arrived at 5:15 for a 5:30 demonstration; we had 75 human beings. What is happening is that more people are coming from off the street to join, learn what we are doing, and become engaged.

While we were half-way through the demonstration, "Sing Out Louise" came

Sean (rep. From Sing Out Louise) - we focused primarily on the Trump-oriented songs that make fun of the far right

Umbrellas that spell-out "I-M-P-E-A-C-H"

Member comment from Susan: Concern with some of the words that Sing Out Louise sings, "Whore" and "Ho" "Putin's Bitch" due to sexism. I find these words sexist and harmful. I spoke to Mark, who works with Sing Out Louise, and then I expressed saying "I have a problem with these words." Susan felt dismissed by the organizers of Sing Out Louise.

Martin: Comment - - Generally Sing Out Louise was well-received by the crowd, and many people said when Sing Out Louise sang, they felt like the action felt less inclusive to the wider public and passers-by. I would like to communicate better with Sing Out Louise about coordinating on these actions, and addressing concerns about these lyrics.

Rick: Comment - - Question - - on how many cards were given out - almost 400 cards (Impeach, Rise + Resist cards)

Member Comment: I sometimes think that Sing Out Louise Fellini-esque. Our immigration silent vigils have been really silent and compelling; I participated in the t-shirt action, and something about yesterday's action felt "off." and given the atrocities from over the weekend (two shooting massacres in TX and OH) made the action feel "off" and made the tone feel particularly problematic and circus-like.

Additional concern about a single Trump supporter who was very intrusive to the action.

Andy - Comment: I want to validate Susan sharing her concerns. One idea is that we might let Sing Out Louise know that if we are working on an action with them that we might request that there are songs that they not sing. I have a broader concern about the tonal mismatch between what we are sometimes trying to accomplish with our actions and what Sing Out Louise brings. When we were doing the nationally organized Mueller obstruction-of-justice protests, we started with a stage and speakers in Times Sq., and Sing Out Louise opened that event, and feedback received from that event was that Sing Out Louise is really polarizing - - People either love it, or feel like it's out of place.

Rebecca - Comment: I want to validate what Susan said; it seems like if they (Sing Out Louise) are going to be joining in these actions there is no reason for them to use language that is sexist or offensive

Mike - Comment: I almost went to the GAG Rally at Grand Army last night. In this case, it is the kind of thing that the Emergency Response team could try to shift actions and combine forces in response to the horrific events of the weekend. There are a ton of lyrics, too, that are cold-war sounding on Russia, and I think nationalism is a problem, and the problems of the lyrics politically: It is clear to criticize Trump for his racism, corruption of corporate power, and relationship with Putin

Alexis: Let's take time to communicate with our partner organization so we can move forward and be more collaborative and productive in our actions.

Elevators are for Everyone Action August 1st, in front of the NY Supreme Courthouse,
Jennifer reporting

Rally out front with coalition organizations, seeking a legally binding agreement for 100% accessibility in the NY Subway system

After the rally we went into the courtroom to hear Judge Hagler as he navigates with the MTA lawyers and disability rights advocates representing the plaintiffs. Pushes for transparency from Judge Hagler; Plaintiffs are seeking documents that are not redacted, and Hagler said, "Let the sun shine in," however, the press have witnessed that Hagler stated that he understands that elevators are expensive.

Bottom Line: MTA has 2 months more time to share all paperwork with disability rights advocates, and there will be another hearing in November on how this case will proceed.

Concerns about the media reporting on these issues

GAG Action in Times Square, August 4th (Jay)

When the El Paso shooting happened late Saturday morning, August 3rd, whenever there is a Mass Shooting, GAG calls upon ourselves to hold some kind of rally or march within 24-48 hours of the news being reported, so we spent all day on Saturday seeking to reach out to our partner organizations, our members, and Rise + Resist to put together an action regarding El Paso; the action was actively being organized while the news of Dayton

We gathered at the steps of the NYPL; GAG Put our Human Beings Together - - Human Beings are folks who are all dressed in white, are veiled, and hold a placard, representing a person who has been killed by gun violence.

As this happened so soon after the violence in El Paso and Dayton, we did not have all of the names of those who died as a result of the violence in those cities. The veiled individuals at the event this time, then, represented a mix of individuals who have died as a result of gun violence.

ERT - Emergency Response Team of Rise and Resist; if an action comes up between Tuesday meetings, the ERT of R + R makes a decision on behalf of the body, and then at the next meeting, R + R can vote on whether to endorse an action.

Andy - Comment: Bad faith arguments from Republicans following the violence of the weekend; Trump's comments about the involuntary commitment or incarceration of people who are mentally ill; and there are concerns from disability rights advocates about this language. Concerns about the "painting" of the Dayton shooter as a "violent anti-fascist shooter" and concerns about the ethos o

Member question: Are images of the guns that have been used as a part of these attacks ever used in the displays of GAG events?

Jay: No - we see that as glorifying and normalizing gun violence.

NEW ACTIONS

No Raids/Close the Camps - Abolish ICE - Silent Demonstrations August 15, 5:30 at the Staten Island Ferry Terminal in Manhattan

No Raids/Close the Camps - Abolish ICE - Silent Demonstrations August 29th, 5:30 in Grand Central Terminal's main hall

Silent demonstrations, quite serious. We have very large banners that read:

No Raids

Close the Camps

Abolish Ice

We also display photos of the camps, and photos of those who have died in custody.

The Staten Island Ferry Terminal is a new location

Vigils previously were approximately 40 people in attendance; since early July, numbers in attendance have grown to approximately 200 people in attendance (in July actions at the Grand Central Terminal and in the Oculus).

We are seeking spaces for demonstrations where a large number of people will be congregating at the end of the workday.

We are trying to go to as many of these large public spaces where we can find a large number of people at the end of the day. If anyone has any ideas, we would love to get people at the end of the day.

Comment: You should probably check on the permitting for the Staten Island Ferry Terminal

Jamie: The place we are scoping out is at the plaza between the Terminal and the subway station. The area is the outdoor open plaza, and only if it were really inclement weather would we consider going inside. We don't know how we will set up there, but we will assess based on how many people we have there.

Member Comment: I would suggest Pier 11, where people go to the Rockaways; as well as Penn Station.

Member Suggestion: Harlem

Member Suggestion: Jamaica Transportation Hub or an Airport, or a downtown park for an action.

Suggestion: Barclays Plaza to demonstrate; and Barclays Center is owned by a Trump supporter

Next Upcoming Event COSECHA Close the Camps August 10th 11:00 am - Madison Square Park. Presented by Andy Ratto

#DignityNotDetention: Close the Camps

<https://www.facebook.com/events/682672452237290>

This was presented 2 weeks ago, and last week as well. We are meeting at 11 am in Madison Square Park. There will be an initial program there with speeches and discussions about ICE Detention, and recalling the names of persons who have died in ICE Detention.

The next step will be a 25 minute march to a discrete location, and some individuals will engage in Civil Disobedience.

COSECHA is primarily concerned about the partnerships between the Government and private corporations, and the private corporations that enable the harms of the Government (ICE).

R + R has endorsed Saturday action

March may start between 11:45 am and 12:00 noon - once a critical mass has been achieved.

Facilitation Announcements

Collect Rent: We pay \$25/hour for this space, and we pay Elizabeth for ASL Interpretation for the evening this is also a source of fundraising for

August Tasks: Passing sign-up sheet around for meeting facilitation and tasks

Read and Resist, Reading group led by Rise + Resist

Decision Tree - We had previously discussed kicking off the next step of the Read + Resist with the Mueller Report.

Two prominent books:

- Cass Sunstein's "Impeachment: A Citizen's Guide"
- Laurence Tribe and Joshua Matz, "To End a Presidency: The Power of Impeachment"

Another suggested book:

- "The impeachment of Andrew Johnson" - Brenda Wineapple

Straw-poll: Approximately even between Cass Sunstein and Brenda Wineapple books

Climate Action Group Update, Stu - Presenting

Proposed Action - at the Bloomberg Business Conference

Wednesday, September 25th

During the UN General Assembly

Working with a large coalition of climate groups who have approached R + R knowing we are good at actions

Bloomberg Business is having a conference about Climate on Wednesday, September 25th

Organizations like the European Central Bank, Chase, and Bloomberg

Discussions about how "Business is going to make the world green"

This program will be held at the Trump Hotel

The action will be called: Climate Emergency: This is not business as usual

The action will be both an action at the Plaza, a non Civil Disobedience action, but there may also be another, coalition-based Civil Disobedience action.

Member Comment - from Jay -

There is a "Pack DC" Day against Gun Violence in Washington, DC on September 25th

Alexis Comment: We will also be teaching another Civil Disobedience training (on the heels of a successful training led this past Saturday, August 3rd, at Tompkins Square Library)

Next Training: September 14th - Saturday, in the same place, the Tompkins Square Library, from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm in the afternoon. It is 5 hours long, and you will love every minute of it.

New Action Presented by Martin and Alexis

Large March (not Rally) to take place on Monday, September 23rd, likely in the evening
Eve of Trump speaking at the UN General Assembly

This is an opportunity to create a large action

A subset of the action committee met to discuss the name - we want to make this action as inclusive as possible

The name: "United in Outrage: The Resistance March"

Martin - Planning:

- Establish a non-permitted route
- Emphasize and include accessibility in all planning
- Have Mary Hawkins supervise graphics
- Ask over 100 organizations to endorse - be inclusive of youth-led and youth-supported organizations
- Contact over 100 amplifiers - People on Social Media that can spread the word - Amy Siskind and George Takei have already retweeted
- Ask people to sign up for email updates, and to lead up to this action, and to use people's interest in this larger action to Rise + Resist more generally

Alexis:

- We will probably have a Marshall training prior to this event, Marshalls are source to facilitate a demonstration, to enable us to be fierce in the streets

Martin:

- People are ready to come to the streets

Member Question:

- When are Action meetings? What is the difference between a March and a Rally?

Answers from Martin:

- Action meetings are at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings
- Tomorrow's action meeting, Wednesday, August 7th
- 242 West 38th Street, 6th Floor
- You can have a permitted march or a non-permitted march
- This will be a non-permitted march
- A rally is when you stand around and listen to speakers. We don't usually do rallies, because sometimes politicians grandstand at them; we find Marches to be more participatory

Member Question:

- What is the budget for this event?

Answer - Martin:

- We will seek a budget approval at a following meeting

Member Question:

- Will there be any speeches?

Answer - Martin:

- We will do a "Mic Check" and will not use amplified sound

Follow-up Answer - Jamie:

- We often do not do a permitted march or rally, because when you seek a permitted march or rally, the Police have the option of shutting you down preemptively or cordoning you to a less visible location

Additional Follow-up:

- Setting the tone and intention of the March - Nonviolence in messaging
- Setting the tone: Having Marshalls for the front, back, and sides
- Suggestion from a member: Obtaining commitments from people early on to Marshall to participate
- Briefly: In messaging and in visibility we would like great diversity

Vote in favor: Unanimous. Hooray!

Ann - from the **Health Care Action Committee**

Date: Thursday, August 8th

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Claremont and Lafayette Avenue, by Vanderbilt

Town Hall meeting in support of the New York Health Act and Medicare for All

Also to build community pressure, particularly on Hakeem Jeffries to push towards Medicare for All

In-tandem, to address concerns about tensions between Medicare and Big Pharma

Seeking an endorsement from Rise + Resist to use R + R media power to push it out on Social Media; currently cosupported by National Nurses United, Campaign for New York Health,

Vote Endorsing

Finance Report:

- We collected \$213 tonight. Our fund balance is \$12,500; a decrease of \$200 from last week.

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New Action Andy Ratto

Developing and publishing a guide on “How to Create an Immigration Vigil”

We want to check in with the floor about developing and producing this guide that it could be endorsed by Rise + Resist

Member question - Susan: Will this be in print, or will this just be on the internet?

New Action seeking a vote

ICE Off Buses Demonstration

Friday, August 23rd

6:00 pm

Partnerships between CBP, ICE, and Greyhound Buses, in seeking undocumented persons

ICE has been allowed on buses by Greyhound; the request that we seek to make with this action is that Greyhound not allow ICE or CBP onto buses.

Action to be held at the Solidarity Center - 147 West 24th Street

Demonstration will be at the Port Authority, which is one of the locations that Greyhound uses

People’s Power Assemblies is one of the lead organizers, and they are starting coalition outreach.

I suggest we do this as an endorsement and not a co-sponsorship.

Note - the ACLU is currently engaged in a Lawsuit against the Greyhound company

Initial scouting mission prior to the Saturday meeting, and they are still making a plan of inside or outside

Member question - from Jamie: Is there a non-violence credo for this event?; Andy: The Event is planned as non-violent as far as I know.

Member question - from Mike: Will this be a program with a permit?

Answer - from Andy: I do not believe they are seeking a permit for this event.

Vote to Endorse: Yes

Event Announcement

Black Lives Matter of Greater NY

“Enough is Enough”: A march for police and political reform

Sunday, August 11th

3:00 pm

Hosted at the Adam Clayton Powell Office Building

163 West 125th Street

BLM is frequently the victim of violence and arrest by NYPD

BLM is a nonviolent organization

The presence of White allies saves people from being hurt, and can keep people from being in fact killed.

Joseph from BLM speaking - Seeking an endorsement from Rise + Resist

I would like to give some points:

- Enough is Enough - March and Rally
- Purpose “We stand united to address anti-blackness from the injustice of police brutality, from the murder of Eric Garner and many other black and Brown people who have been murdered by the NYPD.”
- We are really disappointed at not getting more positive response to the hearings for Eric Garner
- We shut down the FDR as part of a nonviolent action in response to Verdict re: Pantaleo
- March will be from the Adam Clayton Powell office building to the American Museum of Natural History at 79th Street - Against the subjugation of Native peoples
- The next step in the march will be to Columbus Circle, where there will be a mass die-in
- The final step will be to Trump Tower
- March will go over to 8th Avenue, and then South on Central Park West
- Joseph offering inclusivity, and sharing his contact information so that people can get in touch with organizers
- 646.302.8959
- Comment from Alexis: Jews against ICE Action is happening on the same day

Vote in favor of Endorsing the action officially from Rise + Resist

Mueller Action Group

- Peter

- Proposed new Action: An Index to the Mueller Report
- Speak with anybody here after the meeting, to get together, and endorse with a publisher, so I would like some conversation about this -
- 917.376.1792

Announcement:

Wednesday, August 7th - Action, 12:00 pm

- 3rd Avenue, at East 41st Street, Manhattan, NY
- Environmental action - - regarding the Williams Pipeline
- Environmental Organizations will be outside his office at noon tomorrow to deliver 25K names on petitions opposed to the Williams Pipeline
- The Williams Pipeline would run fracked gas from NJ along the Long Island shore
- Governor Cuomo' Office is on 3rd Avenue at 41st Street

Next announcement:

Mike Edison

- I sue companies Pro Se, and give the money to charity
- <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/04/nyregion/nyc-loud-noisy.html>
- medison@saintsmarketing.co

Next announcement:

House Our Future NY

Rally organized by @HouseOurFuture

Seeking 30K Affordable Homes for Homeless New Yorkers

Rally on Tuesday, August 20th, 2019

11:00 am 1200 pm

City Hall Steps

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