## Rise and Resist General Meeting: 04.30.2019

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

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Facilitators: Maryellen and John

Notes: Alexandra

# **Report Backs**

# April 25 - U.S. Immigration Policy Is A Crime – 125<sup>th</sup> St.

Met in the rain by the State Office Building; we had banners and signs. Not many passers by; woman in food truck was super supportive and carried one of our signs.

Next action is May 10: Steps of Brooklyn Borough Hall; many subways there.

## April 29 - We Support Ilhan Omar Action at the New York Post

Successful event. No counter protesters; there was a lot of support. About 30 people came. RaR got in touch with the people in charge of YAMA, the Yemeni bodega boycott of the NY Post (Yusef, lead organizer, was there).

They gave us tasks: 1) letters to hand out to bodegas to encourage them in the bodega. 2) List their 4 demands on twitter. 3) Meeting Friday May 3 in Bay Ridge. RaR members are welcome. YAMA seem very well organized; good press.

Police are no longer pushing on RaR protesters to leave the Plaza. Police spoke with Jamie. Very unconcerned.

Jewish Voice for Peace was there: good networking; this group is protesting Venezuela

# Upcoming Actions

May 1, Weds at 6 PM - Betsy DeVos/Manhattan Institute Cipriani 42<sup>nd</sup> St. (Marshalls at 5:30). UFT is going; good meeting with UFTs' political arm on how to do this work together. They will take care of the flyer end of it. RaR will take care of legal picket and banner, and chants. A lot of good coordinating and synergy with UFT. We need to do a good job of keeping the energy up. Mike, Livvie, Alex did great coalition work.

May 4, 12 noon Columbus Circle – against Gilead Corp. (co-sponsor with ACT UP) Alexandra discussed the importance of this action: to call out Gilead as a poster child for bad actors of big pharma as well as supporting the HIV+ and Hep C community.

# May 4, 1:30PM NYPL- 42<sup>nd</sup> St. - NYC For Abortion Rights (endorsed)

#### **Facilitation announcements**

# Coming up at People's Forum

Please pick up flyers upstairs; check out the events on a regular basis.

May 1 Theories of Poverty

May 1 Lessons from the Movement to End Slavery

May 1 6:30 Open Mic Party honoring the legacy of Nipsey Hussle at the end of the day's events

# Climate Action Group represented by Stu

# May 17, 11 am

Last hearing on NY State Assembly Environmental Hearing on CCPA. (Climate Protection Act) It has till June 16 to pass

**10 AM rally**: Goal is to fill up the room. Lots of activists go to these hearings.

**VOTE** to endorse action was passes

#### May 3 Full Day Event

**School Climate Strikers rally at City Hal**l to demand that the city make NYC 100% sustainable by 2030.

**Sunrise Rally today (4/30)** at Schumer's office to get him to support the Green New Deal. People tried to get into the building, were blocked by the police. Then when security left, Sunrise blocked the entrance from all people entering for about 45 minutes. 7 people arrested.

## **New Actions**

# SOS AMERICA 2019 - NYC Action 5 to 7pm May 2 at Nadler's Office on 201 Varick

**St.** to push for impeachment. SOS reached out to RaR; this is their 2<sup>nd</sup> action Website: SOSAmerica2019.com

Jamie: Not clear who they are, what their funding is; they look a lot like us. It is an opportunity to make connections.

Actions is considering having an internal committee strategy about impeachment: to address the nitty gritty of obstruction, corruption, stonewalling we are witnessing daily. There are many ways to approach this. Actions will meet May 8 to discuss further.

Vincent has 150 signs, suitable for any action which he can no longer transport. Asks if RaR members can pick them up.

Katrina: Funding available from a woman in Detroit for people who want to protest in Washington DC. Katrina will find key information.

Martin: Could she please email us at <a href="Media@riseandresist.com">Media@riseandresist.com</a>

# Protests daily until May 14 5:30 to 6:30 at Marriott Marquis; No Bolsonaro; Defend Democracy in Brazil: Bolsonaro will be coming May 14.

Twitter campaign underway against the Marriott Marquis, a non-union hotel Revolting Lesbians got Bolsonaro out of AMNH, another protest stopped Ciprianis from hosting Bolsonaro.

VOTE to endorse the series of these protests up to the 14<sup>th</sup> when it will be clearer what actions will be around Bolsonaro

#### Comms

Martin requested help with various Excel tasks

### **Finance**

\$13,400 net worth, a reduction of \$400 from last week. \$110 collected today

#### Non Rise and Resist actions and announcements

Murder today at UNC Charlotte of two people. Please come to Gays Against Guns meetings and actions (Mary Ellen announced)

**Coalition of Motley Workers: Wendy's Boycott;** they are asking for shade and water for workers; asking store owners to increase the price of their tomatoes. Burger King, Subway, Taco Bell etc. etc. have signed on. Wendy's has refused. Please sign the endorsement. Presented by Donna.

**Reclaim Pride:** March will go right up 6<sup>th</sup> Ave from Sheridan Square; June 30; come to marshal. Marshall training June 1, June 23 (Sunday)

There will be a rally after the march in the Bandshell rather than Great Lawn which would have been too big and cost too much.

May 3rd Reclaim Pride fundraiser at Nowhere Bar 6 to 10PM music from 1979: Martin

May 2, Pack the court: Elevator maintenance lawsuit Tuesday May 7: MTA's failure to install elevators 500 Pearl Street; Rally at 9 AM Both these actions are on Facebook

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