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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 - Livvie, Facilitators - John D and Jay

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Stu: **Climate Action Group CCPA action** at Penthouse on Park, 10th Ave and 17th Street. Thursday May 16, 2019. 5:30 to 6:30 to tell Cuomo to pass a strong, clean CCPA.

#### NEW ACTIONS:

Jamie, Wednesday, May 22, 2:00. **Action outside hearing on Trump and Deutsche Bank's** attempt to evade subpoenas for his kids and businesses. 40 Center Street. Hearing is open to the public, but we'll be outside. Some folks may go in. There will be press!

**Vote: Should we do it? Approved with \$200.**

Paul: **Impeach action.** Thursday, May 23, next to George Washington Statue in front of Federal Hall on Wall Street. 5:30 to 6:30pm.

**Vote: Should we do it? Approved with \$200.**

Mark M: Joint Assembly and Senate Hearing on New York Health Act at Capitol in Albany. May 28, 10-5. Sponsored by Campaign for NY Health. Go to website to find out about transportation: <https://www.nyhcampaign.org/hearing>

**Should we endorse? Approved.**

One hour to talk about Tuesday Night Meetings, at Susan's request.

Attendee numbers dropping. 120 to 100 to 75 to 33 tonight.

Ken Kidd facilitating.

Jay - no young people - is it because all the real action planning happens in actions (committee)?

Sandy - knows fellow committee people well, but not general meeting people. Feels like show and tell. Wants to go into one thing in more depth at a meeting rather than hear a survey of what's going on. She's offering to do a survey of people who aren't here to find out why.

Betsy - wants to learn at a meeting. Guest speakers. Shorter intro section.

Stu - loved meetings at first - energizing, felt close to colleagues/comrades. Now feels like a boring business meeting. Liked when all the action people came up to report on an action - made it more important.

Ken - this is ok, this is normal. Must keep the space safe for comments.

Diane - We're successful. We're doing 4 things a week, big number of committees. Wants better street recruiting, fewer meetings. Wants social events.

Rick - do Sandy survey. Wants to know who's on SM, who goes to actions, who works on committees. Who is in the larger pool of people who do stuff.

Rachel - attendance at the big meetings not as important as showing up at other stuff. People at her postcard parties don't come to general meetings.

Tim - there's so much else going on. Meetings less interesting than at the church.

Donna - disappointed at low numbers. Thinks a lot of people are discouraged.

Jamie - comes to most meetings. Actions has 12 people. What is the best way for RaR to create and support actions - what is the role of the floor? Can the floor be more proactive?

Livvie - Zoom, occasional brainstorming meetings, guest speakers who are good.

Mary - needs weekly meetings in order to be able to stay in touch with what's happening.

Ian - happy to sing.

Marlaine - now feels like the people in the room have been beat up and fought back. Appalled at what's going on in the world. Thinks the rage we used to have is diminished and slipping away which makes her pull back. Likes the comradeship and like-minded people. Wants to get out in the streets and force stuff.

Karen - RaR couldn't fulfill everything she wanted to do so began working with Catholic Workers and Extinction Rebellion.

Richard - involved with other org that does events on UES to recruit HS students for nonprofit stuff. Could do Stuyvesant.

Mark M. - Also intermittent attendee. This is a long war, we're battered and burned out. Want report backs later and shorter, wants opening stuff shorter. Wants to end at 8:30 and break into working groups. Wants to get people doing the work, given tasks!

Mary Ellen - likes the working groups at the end of meeting to give assignments.

Jenny - There are plenty of structural things we've tweaked and can continue to tweak but a well-ordered meeting isn't necessarily what gets people into the streets. Wants a connection by beginning the meeting with a sharing.

Kathy - Indivisible Harlem. Used to come here all the time, felt RaR initiated hope. Got tired of same actions, same report backs. But likes to hear what different groups are working on - report backs on CCPA, etc. IH grew when they had speakers. Yesterday climate change speakers, some city council, other pols.

Jay - says the post-meeting working groups make it easier for people who can't make it to actions to contribute something.

Ken - go to recruit at places where you're already liked, say around gay pride.

Dann - Have short, 1-person, snappy report backs to speed things up.

Diane - This is an opening conversation. Thinks we need strategic planning? Wants to do RaR slide show.

Donna - 1. Recruit more people. 2. Keep them connected. Can keep them coming back if they actually DO the actions.

Betsy - cut out whole first part of the meeting to save 20 minutes, do bulk of meeting, break out into groups.

Mark - wants new people to float around in break out groups to get new energy. Wants last half hour to be brainstorming and working.

Donna - break out groups impractical, but how about last half hour devoted to brainstorming a particular topic.

Jay - break out groups DO work for Reclaim Pride in this space.

Alex - Break out groups to brainstorm on a single topic and then gather to report back.

Jamie - how can the working groups make better use of the general meeting?

Mary Ellen - likes break out groups, thinks it's doable.

Marlaine - get college kids involved, bring one in as a speaker.

Sandy - can't talk about solutions without a deeper understanding of what we want.

Tim - Elevator working group is using Google Groups to communicate. Thinks unlocked Google group for all working groups would be a way to be in touch.

Livvie - Elections needs to share more.

Paul - end of meeting becomes meeting of one working group for a while.

Susan - Likes that we're having the convo but asks Are we satisfied with what we're doing? Wants to continue talking.

Mary - assign each working group a week to run the general meeting - maybe with guest speaker or topic.

Ken - we need a volunteer to take it to the next level.

Jay - town hall or survey.

Working group formed to go to the next level: Diane, Donna, Sandy, Betsy

Rick - what issues do people want to work on.

Marlaine - work on concrete changes to opening of meeting.

**Finance** - \$13,400 in the bank.

### **Non Rar Actions:**

Mark M. - **Death of Act Up activist Andy Wilentz.** Act Up chant.

Ian - Goes to Performing Arts school in Queens and is doing a concert at Skirball on Monday.

Donna - Thursday, 7-9, TPF, Forum on Police Abolition.

Lockdown. Play at Rattlestick, about long-term imprisonment. 224 Waverly Place.

**Reclaim Pride** did a press conference in Sheraton Square announcing their finalized June 30 Queer Liberation March route and Central Park rally.

Postcard Party - Monday, May 20, Rachel's apartment, 7-9, 209 East 56th, 6B. Vote By Mail  
Florida and Ramadan cards to local mosques and Islamic groups.

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