

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 3.7.2023

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**Facilitators:** Jamie and Stu **Notes:** Sandy

**New process for non RAR announcements or to put other things on the agenda:**  
Use [rar.facilitation@gmail.com](mailto:rar.facilitation@gmail.com) before 3PM on Monday!

### GOOD NEWS!

- The truth keeps coming out about FOX and the Dominion voting machine story.
- City settles the kettling of 300 protesters in the Bronx suit for \$21k/each.
- [55,000 convicted felons get voting rights in Minnesota once they are released from prison.](#)

### UPCOMING ACTIONS

#### **March 9 Thursday--Immigration Vigil at 5PM**

Lots about immigration in the news lately. Stories about how kids who came across the border who were handed to sponsors by Homeland security, have been working at things like roofing to pay back. This is nothing new; goes back 10 years but is finally getting some coverage.

The Administration has been trying to figure out how to treat people seeking asylum. They are trying to prevent people from crossing the border or seeking asylum. These policies are terrible but at least they are now getting coverage.

#### **March 10 Friday - Roger Stone at the NYYRC event more details to follow 6PM Little Italy location TBD**

Still haven't said where this will be happening. Still in Little Italy. Still meeting at 6 pm. A notice about Roger Stone action will be coming. Julie and Jamie have made some unflattering posters of Roger Stone and some black and white posters. Robert has asked that we come up with

some chants, so we don't have to get profane right away. Working on a call and response for this action. Roger Stone has a long and awful history worthy of some chants to reflect that.

**March 14 Tuesday—Drag Story Hour.** Show up at 9 am for a 10 am start at 127 East 58<sup>th</sup> St. To be added to affinity group to receive emails about it, email Jamie at [Bauwau2u@gmail.com](mailto:Bauwau2u@gmail.com) and they will add you.

**March 14 Tuesday—FOX Truth Tuesdays** at noon at FOX News Headquarters, Sixth Avenue between 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> Street.

**March 15 Wednesday--Drag Story Hour.** Show up at 2:30 pm for a 3:30 pm start at 10 Grand Army Plaza, Main Library, Brooklyn. To be added to affinity group to receive emails about it, email Jamie at [Bauwau2u@gmail.com](mailto:Bauwau2u@gmail.com) and they will add you.

Official Drag Story Hour NYC YouTube channel is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOrmrP5tK-ZMetwRsyyP1Pg>

**March 15 Wednesday--Hochul at the Metropolitan Museum** at 5:30PM

Elections is working on an action. Gov Hochul is getting a leadership award from the Met Museum along with Nydia Velasquez (Congresswoman, Dem, 7<sup>th</sup> District) as well as H.M. Agnes Hsu-Tang, Board Chair of the NY Historical Society and Jasmine Wahl, Founder and CoDirector of the Project for Empty Space. <https://www.projectforemptyspace.org/>

We will have six large signs with two main themes. Some smaller signs ticking off the different issues where her failure in leadership has led to a non-functioning Democratic Party and led to Republican control of the House. We are going to demand that she be the leader that we need.

SIGN UP LINK FOR MARCH 15 at METROPOLITAN MUSEUM HOCHUL EVENT

<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisiblenationbk/event/554292/>

Arrive at 5:30 pm at the Met. Their event begins at 6 pm.

Will meet near the fountain on the southern side of the museum.

We will be leafleting about Hochul.

No facebook event so watch for emails.

Vote to approve action and provide \$300 for signage: **\$300 APPROVED**

**March 21 Tuesday-Climate Action** - Major climate action sponsored by Third Act starts at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza

Meet at 10:30 am at DH Plaza. Reverend Billy will be there with his singers. There will be a rally and then a short march to Chase Headquarters where we will cut up credit cards.

**March 29 Wednesday-- Elevator Action Group - MTA Board Meeting protest** at 8:30 am

Upcoming action on March 29-day the MTA has monthly board meeting. Want to invite everyone. Calling Hochul out because we need her approval for money in the budget. To make the action more effective, we want to purchase a plastic accordion gate which will be used to block one of the entrances. This will demonstrate what it feels like every day for people with wheelchairs. This barricade will get used and reused in the future.

Vote to approve request for funds: Need an additional **\$150--APPROVED**

### **Elections Committee update**

The statewide issue is the state of the NY Democratic party—1,700 are on the slack workspace dedicated to Replace Jay Jacobs (Chair of the NY State Democratic Committee). LI summit last weekend. 150 people showed up for a daylong meeting. Suburb/urban alliance to link the City and LI. And there's a rural coalition as well. Many are working on the inside game. We are the outside game.

We signed a letter demanding more funding be provided for the public financing of campaigns.

Latest news story:

<https://nystateofpolitics.com/state-of-politics/new-york/ny-state-of-politics/2023/03/05/national-coalition-urges-new-york-to-implement-public-campaign-financing>

### **Finance Committee update**

Reminded everyone to submit invoices in a timely fashion.

Current balance \$17,000

Jackie updated us and indicated the remaining Broadway Cares will be coming soon.

### **Announcement of the new ERT**

Livvie, Sandy, Rick, Wendy, and Susan Lee

These are the people to contact if you have an issue that needs a quick decision in between Tuesday general meetings.

## **REPORT BACKS**

### **March 1 Wednesday, City Hall, SRG Rally** before City Council Hearings

Been trying for this hearing since last fall. Both times the NYPD said they weren't going to send representatives so two were cancelled. The NYCLU went to the chair of the public safety cttee and demanded that the hearing go forward whether the NYPD was going to show up or not.

They backed out yet again but the hearing went forward.

RaR showed up prior to the hearings with a banner: Democracy Dies in a Police State.

The banner got a great reception. Lots of photos taken.

Rally went well, all speakers spoke and ended at 10 am. All went into the hearing.

CCRB presented their findings of results from complaints regarding the SRG, a few council members asked questions. Then opened it up to the public to talk about their experiences with the SRG. Within half an hour of public testimony, only 3 or 4 council members were there.

All of the testimony is part of the written record.

By 2:30 pm only the chairperson was there.

[https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/i-team-did-a-gag-order-really-prevent-the-nypd-from-testifying-at-city-council/4132597/?fbclid=IwAR1E8UEE2PG4B90wLor3zM\\_kMVMGVOsmHJOQBfVrUDOT5WPPGPDjeHJhBug](https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/i-team-did-a-gag-order-really-prevent-the-nypd-from-testifying-at-city-council/4132597/?fbclid=IwAR1E8UEE2PG4B90wLor3zM_kMVMGVOsmHJOQBfVrUDOT5WPPGPDjeHJhBug)

### **March 1 Wednesday--Molina Action**

Manhattan Institute was hosting Molina who is a senior person in the Dept. of Corrections. He was speaking and the Freedom Agenda, who are the people we work with on our regular

Riker's Vigils, asked if we could show up on very short notice. Jonathan picked up our banner and six Rise and Resisters went. We were out front for an hour and handed out flyers. The Freedom Agenda folks think we're great because we show up. Our only criticism was that the event didn't begin until 6:30 pm and we were there between 5 and 6 so we didn't really get to greet the people who were attending the event. But we did reach a lot of commuters in Grand Central.

**March 3 Friday--Say Their Names canceled** due to weather. Every Friday at 4:30PM  
96th/Broadway

### **March 3 Friday--Fridays for the Future**

We have marshalled at a number of these things. The kids are so great. NY Renews, XR, 350.org were all there. You don't have to do anything when you marshal except be inspired. Met at Foley Square, gathered, and walked over the Brooklyn Bridge. They went to Borough Hall and an all-girl band played Fleetwood Mac. Ton of speakers; got a little bit long. Diane took great pictures.

Diane's photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/greenelent/albums/72177720306465549>

### **March 3 Friday--RAR Disrupts the Hannity Show**

Last Friday was the third time. First time was a success. Second time we got caught. Third time was the charm with three Rise and Resisters gaining entry and were prepared to video the encounter.

They knew we were coming. The minute we got in line outdoors, a couple of security ex-cop people kept looking at us, took pictures of us. We think they were intimidating us and trying to get us to leave. We got in anyway. The three of us sat together. All the audience was excited to be there to see Hannity. We clapped along with them. Pretty sure that Hannity knew we were there. During his warmup, he made terrible jokes. His energy was low, flat, and he cracked a stupid joke about the liberals. "In fact, I think we have some liberals right there" and pointed right to us.

About halfway through, Hannity announced that Jim Jordan (JJ) was joining the show. Wanted to wait for JJ. We had to sit through a lot of awful programming in the meantime. It was traumatizing to listen to what they were saying, and the audience was cheering. When it started, they were throwing Hannity footballs into the crowd. We were playing along. They brought more footballs and the main RaR disruptor stood up. They wanted to speak before Jim Jordan spoke and they didn't want to risk speaking after JJ talked about the train derailment.

Here's what was said to disrupt the show:

*Why aren't you talking about the Dominion lawsuit? Why are you lying to people and why do you have a coup planner on the stage?*

It was enormously satisfying. Security grabbed the main disruptor's arm hard. When in the hallway, the main disruptor (MD) pulled their arm away and said, "don't touch me" and as we were led to the door, one of them called MD a big mouth. When we got to the door MD turned to them and said, "we will be back"!!

It was frightening but empowering.

The video of our disruption (link below) of Hannity is up on TikTok and has garnered over 11,000 likes.

[https://www.tiktok.com/@truthoverfox/video/7206469470804610347?\\_r=1&\\_t=8aOmp8zqmMc](https://www.tiktok.com/@truthoverfox/video/7206469470804610347?_r=1&_t=8aOmp8zqmMc)

**March 4 Saturday--NYFAR Clinic Defense** at Planned Parenthood/Old St. Pats on Saturday Quite an action-Multiple groups showed up. There are the people who hang out right outside the clinic door and try to hand out literature to patients. There's always an activist who goes over and points out that their fake escorts are not with the clinic. There are the people with a guy name Fidelis who marched from Old St. Pats to the clinic and there are the nuns and, of course, us. We stood in a line across the street in front of the clinic holding a banner and rainbow umbrellas. We are quiet because the recovery room for the clinic is right in front streetside.

While we were at the clinic it was pandemonium at the church two blocks south. There were arrests. Activists from the church slow-walked to the clinic taking about an hour to go the two blocks to the clinic. Estimates were that about 50 SRG cops were at the church. Contrast that with the zero who showed up at the SRG hearings last week.

**March 4 Saturday--Drag Story Hour at NYPL**

It was on West 20<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues at 10 am. A lot of us showed up to counter-protest but there were few people showing up for the story hour itself. Those protesting against DSH were positioned down the block near 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue away from the entrance which was in the middle of the block. We were very close to the entrance and provided a calming influence. We feel our presence is important and it may be that the police have evolved toward protecting drag story hour.

**March 5 Sunday--NYCAN and GAG at St. Pats For All (Queens)**

Beautiful action; filled with people who are loving and joyous and accepting. Kids and parents and others come out with their bagpipes and their outfits. GAG was there in all their colors. It was a beautiful afternoon. Council people showed up along with a lot of other officials. They were all together to be Irish and celebrate. This happens every year, generally the first Sunday in March.

**March 6 Monday--Rikers Vigil** at 5PM Times Square Subway Station

It was a very lively action with great music and the guy dancing with his puppet was there to entertain us. We handed out lots of flyers. This is a great location, and we'll stay there until it gets too hot to be underground.

Important to note is that the Rikers action is now scheduled for the first Monday of the month at 5 pm.

**March 7 Tuesday--FOX Truth Tuesday** at noon at News Corp Headquarters

We had a great big contingent of people at this Tuesday's action. We also had the truck. Because the truck broke down last week, the owner came this week driving the truck himself. But he brought a bigger truck and only charged us for the price of the smaller truck. It was a great prop. People passing by couldn't help but notice it. We talked to a lot of passersby and most of the feedback was positive. The truck headed over to Trump Tower after being at News Corp for an hour. Jennifer and Jonathan were at Trump Tower to see it. Julie headed to Duffy square where the truck went next. After that it cycled around midtown for about 4 to 5 hours

through Times Square and back up to Fox. We have lots of video footage and it's up on TikTok already and Youtube.

[Here's the newest revelations:](#)

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/media/2023/03/07/fox-news-lawsuit/>

## **NON-RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COP City demonstration** at St. Pats on Thursday, March 9 from 4 to 6 pm  
MARSHALS NEEDED! Our pals at Extinction Rebellion will be protesting COP CITY in Georgia on Thursday from 4-6 at St. Pats on 5th Ave. If you can help out please sign up here.  
<https://www.xrebellion.nyc/events/stop-cop-city-3/9/23>

**Wendy's Weekly Action Newsletter**

[https://mailchi.mp/9897f53bab9b/join-the-fox-lies-protest-and-get-famous-maybe?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/9897f53bab9b/join-the-fox-lies-protest-and-get-famous-maybe?e=[UNIQID])

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