

## Rise and Resist General Meeting 2.18.2020

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**Notes** - Livvie **Facilitators** - Stu and Mike

### REPORT BACKS

2.13. **Immigration Vigil at the Oculus.** Noted that it followed hard upon the ICE shooting in BK. Consensus that passersby are more responsive than ever. 35 demonstrators. Next Vigil: 2.27, 5:30, Grand Central. (Jenny)

2.15. **Chase Bank weekly pop up** branch action. 90th and Broadway. 12 demonstrators. Actions happen every Saturday at noon at a different branch. (Sandy)

2.16. **Close the Camps action** (non-RaR action). Started at NYPL, hundreds of demonstrators. Marched to the target, Thomson-Reuters, which is spying for ICE. Closed the streets, 30 arrests. Several TV stations covered: CBS, NBC. NY1 is still using footage as part of their news round-up.

### UPCOMING ACTIONS

2.25 **Chase Investors Day action.** 7:00 a.m., 383 Madison Avenue. Climate Action Group is working with coalition partners on this. (Cherie)

### **Budget Justice and Medicaid Funding.**

2.20. There's a Budget Justice Town Hall at 6:30, 200 West 13th Street 6th floor. (Livvie)

Medicaid: Cuomo is looking for cuts to make up for the shortfall. Budget Justice takes the view that raising revenue from the wealthy and undertaxed is preferable to cutting medical services to those who need them. (Mark and Ann)

Action proposed for approval by RaR. Make Billionaires Pay. 2.29, 5:00 pm. Start at 103rd and 5th outside Senate budget hearing, march to Bloomberg's home 1216 5th, and then to 740 Park where other billionaires live.

**Endorsement passed unanimously.** (Mark, Livvie, Ann)

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Alliance for Fair Food** is doing a Follow the Money march in March. Join the last 3 miles on March 12, Union Square Park at 4:00. (Ray)

**Request that RaR sign letter** asking for NYS to demand stricter standards for refrigerant chemical release, disposal. Letter is from 350.org. (Cherie)

### **Annual Meeting**

Important for a 502.c.4 to have a board meeting every year. The next one is 2.25, 6:00, TPF, in the Paul Robeson Projection Room. (Jonathan)

### **The Peoples Forum**

Holding a two-day conference: Rise against militarism, racism and the climate crisis. Sponsored by UNAC United National Antiwar Coalition. 2.21-2.22. (Alexandra)

### **Post-Impeachment: Discussion of Now What?**

Jamie: How to grow the group? What to do about Banana Republicans?

Their focus issues are Immigration and White supremacy

Lynn: align with other groups to get Barr disbarred.

Paul Oh: DT is his big issue. Wants a revolution.

Alexandra: US Senate is in it for the \$\$, wants to focus on income inequality.

Elka: No need for recruitment. Stick to what we've been doing. Protest, Strong banners, signs, create a history of resistance.

Jim: Sense that we've lost, need self-care to keep going. Voter suppression.

Mary: Wants us to attend Common Cause rallies to make them more splashy and interesting.

Also wants strong messaging, good flyers for every issue. Reach out to those who won't go out in the streets.

Wrolf: Focus on climate. Do visually interesting actions.

Julie: A few people can make a big visual difference with the right props (DISBARR). Amplify what's happening in DC. Flyers with Calls to Action. What is the hook for GOP complicity?

Cherie: Take it on the road: go on an Action Field Trip.

Rob: go after Barr. Do "toadying" action with frog costumes. Ha! (He has details.)

Robert: Grief. Concerned about DT transition. Fascist regime. Wants to do a regenerative full day of feeding our souls followed by a strategy session..

Diane: Wants to maintain optimism, feel we can make a difference. More street theater. Get more people, not sure how. Agrees w/ strategy session.

Stu: Combine actions. Do immigration vigil in front of Trump properties to make the connection

Livvie: Climate & NYS

Judith: Immigration-abuse is ongoing and she wants to keep it on front burner. "As I'm resisting what am I envisioning." Take immigration to other neighborhoods.

Ann: less about recruitment and more thinking of ourselves as part of a movement, movement building. PPC calendar to push out actions. Climate summit. Support PPC march on Washington in June.

Jenny: Have to anticipate increased pressure on protests. Need to get lawyers and judges out on the streets, too.

Rick: how to get judges out on the street.

Sandy: Take immigration action to Philadelphia and do voter reg and GOTV

Marion: An alert system yellow to red how close are we getting to fascism. Worst event and an accompanying action

Mark: Health care issue is strong and also a wedge issue. Use it to pull people away from Trump. Create a sense of excitement - we're on a roll. GOTV is most important thing of all.

Virginia: have voter reg at actions.

Jackie: ref *Dark Towers*. Trump's taxes.

Guy from uptown coalition: wants to get some color into it. Red white and blue. Own it and claim the right to it.

### **Non-Rise and Resist Announcements.**

Carlucci is running for Congress against a million people. Rockland County folks need help writing 25,000 postcards. Mary and Rachel are helping through their Postcard Parties.

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