

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 9.13.2022

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 - Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom meeting [click here](#)
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Facilitators: Stu and Livvie **Notes:** Alex

Good News!

- Bannon Indicted
 - Julie was invited to share her slogan: “Stop hurting Americans, you conman two-bit greasy grifter!” Footage of her superb action was covered on major news sources!
 - If convicted in what is described by Lawrence O’Donnell as a “Rock Crusher Case”, Bannon stands to serve 5 to 15 years in prison.

FINANCES

Link to help fund Rise and Resist actions. Please give if you are able; we’d appreciate it.

<https://www.riseandresist.org/donate/>

Finance Report by Sue: We have \$14, 606.34 in the bank account. Plus a new donation of \$1000.

Upcoming Actions

Thursday 9/22 Immigration Vigil

- location to be decided at Actions Meeting

Sunday 10/2 Disability Pride Parade

- Jennifer VD will ask for money at a future action

Tuesday 10/4 Bannon’s next court appearance (he must appear in person)

- This will be **early in the morning.**
- We need to show up.

Wednesday 10/5 next Monthly Indict

- Each month we meet and mark the passing of time since January 6. We mark that the coup plotters must be indicted.
- 10/5 will be on Yom Kippur. The date of the next Indict will be reconsidered in Actions.

Monthly pro-choice counter protest in lower Manhattan discussed for endorsement and participation

Wendy B:

- Here is overview:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c32641PDGyS-WKGjmATgsnO9PXktWAHuC7p4T7DB5F8/edit?usp=sharing>
- Here's NYC for Abortion Right Instagram link to their Clinic Defense 101 training
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CgzQ--ZOxEc/>
- Petition to stop celebration of Roe's demise:
<https://www.change.org/p/stop-the-celebration-of-roe-s-demise>
- **Actions take place on the first Saturdays of the month at 8 am. October 1 next one.**
- Updates: Fidelis a religious anti-abortion fanatic has been arrested for invading a clinic in White Plains. In his absence, the anti-abortion monks have been quite disorganized.
 - Actions will be adjusted to respond to this situation.
- These actions are not highly alarming, cos we know what to predict.
- We stay out of the way of people who are coming for medical services.
- We are advocating for more consistency in attendance.

Andy R:

- NY C for Abortion rights came to us in 2017 to discuss their actions to protest "Witness for Life."
- Goals: to persuade the church to stop hosting his event. Successful in Brooklyn. Church Stopped hosting witness for life campaign
- Another goal: protect people who are seeking abortions and other medical services.
 - Successful when there have been many activists present.
- Originally RaR was not willing to endorse these actions as an organization, as it appeared that Planned Parenthood's position was that they were disruptive to patients.
 - PP has been in convo with NYC for Abortion Rights for some time now. President of PP would say the same thing: "we do not believe in responding to protestors outside our clinics.
 - In meetings: PP has recognized that these actions are occurring anyway, and have made recommendations to protect patients.
 - Patients have not complained, and have been positive.
 - PP is part of the "non profit industrial complex".
 - PP's unwillingness to take stances on protestors has allowed clinics to be the site of religious anti-abortion organizing and has been very destructive to the movement.
- As anti abortion activists are targetting blue states.; we need to shift our tactics, we will need to shift our tactics.

General discussion:

- Witness for Life works in 4 boros. Cardinal Dolan is vehemently anti-abortion. No sign of willingness to rein in harassment of clinics.
- **Time commitment varies. It starts at 8 am and may end at 9:30 or 10.**
- Why is Brooklyn more successful than Manhattan? Brooklyn is a separate arch diocese which has a separate set of politics.
 - Article on Brooklyn :
<https://unicornriot.ninja/2022/a-fight-to-defend-abortion-in-brooklyn-clinic-defense-and-new-york-city-for-abortion-rights/>
- There was discussion of what commitment RaR would make beyond endorsement
 - Who would take charge of social media?

- o Would members show up?
- o Discussion of RaR structure that would promote these actions: Actions and General Meeting
- o Wendy and Andy agreed to be “god parents” of this action.

RaR voted to endorse monthly actions at Soho Planned Parenthood.

- o First Saturday of the month at 8 am at the corner of Mott and Prince.
- o Happening today:
https://twitter.com/sarahefishkind/status/1569813812311629824?s=20&t=Nm_HwZW_Cuu0WVgJ2WeUmoA

Election Stuff & Bus Canvassing

Livvie:

Vote Blue 2022 will be sending a bus this Saturday 9/17 at 8:30 from Union Square East between 15 and 16th Streets to Doylestown PA. returning by 7 pm. \$10 commitment.

- o Bus Sign up Sat, 9/17
 - o <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bus-to-defend-democracy-sept-17-tickets-412543196807?aff=vb1>
 - o There are several pivotal campaigns in a small district:
 - o For John Fetternam against Oz.
 - o For Shapiro against Mastrioianni
 - o Help people recognize down ballot candidates, since there is no way to just vote democratic ticket.

Cherie and Livvie: Canvassing is very satisfying, rewarding, and a few votes can turn an election.

- o Starting 9/23 Vote Blue 2022 will be sending two busses starting next week: one in PA, and one in upstate NY.
- o Arlene Geiger’s group will be sending buses in two weeks.
 - o “Our next canvassing trip is Sept 24 with Working America [affiliate of the AFL-CIO] in Philadelphia. Then we'll be canvassing every weekend Oct 8th until Nov 8th with our Trip to Flip from Sat. Nov 5 through Tues. Nov 8 election day!”
- o Arlene Geiger's contact information: uwsmoveonindivisible@gmail.com
- o Wendy includes election material in her new letter.
 - o Recent letter: <https://mailchi.mp/5cb7df38eb70/how-to-fight-lindsey-grahams-national-abortion-ban-proposal>
 - o Or email Wendy to be added to her mailing list: wendyindivisible@gmail.com

Report Backs

9/6 Monthly INDICT at Trump Tower with Q Anon presence

Jenny: 6 or 7 Q’Anon people present. Very aggressive and hostile, different from MAGA people. Very personally directed and attacking of individuals. Jenny asked: Is this a gun free zone? Cop laughed, no! ha, ha, ha. Police did not address the Q people using megaphones. One Q person murdered his family today. Laughable, but very real. How do we hold the space? Actions meeting: we will no longer post actions on social media. We will engage in vigil rather than chant.

Jay: There were 4 of them. The sheer madness of what they were spewing undermined them. They do our work for us. They did not accomplish anything. “HI cut someone’s face off and 16

officers committed suicide.” Pointing and laughing. These people want to be taken seriously. People at it in league with them.
Jamie asked if the person with the megaphone had a permit and the police shut him down. This is the environment we are in.
Remember people sitting at lunch counters.

9/7 Immigration Vigil

Donna: successful, many people came by, one person said they were seeking asylum. We handed out 300 fliers.
Friendly crowd.
People are surprised to find an ally. Dems shying away and R’s refusing.

9/7 Court Appearance and DC Action - Stop The Dirty Pipeline Deal

- o 8 got ACD’s 4 did not get charged at all. Paper work was not finished for those that were the last out. Ron Kuby was the atty.
- o Background: Arrests took place outside Schumer’s office one month ago. 12 went in and blocked the escalator. Arrested and a long day in jail.
- o <https://www.mobilize.us/fww/event/497806/>

DC Action

Sandy:

- o Took a bus trip to Washington paid for by Sierra Club.
- o Many activists there: 350, Communities for Change, Extinction Rebellion
- o Food and Water Watch is very well organized.
- o Very quick turnaround after discovery of dirty deal between Schumer and Manchin. We were deployed to different offices.
- o Goals: Urge Pelosi to go against this deal. We wanted Gillibrand to speak up.
- o The number of house members signing jumped from 59 to 77.
- o Schumer’s office refused to meet with us, and Nadler’s office would not meet with us.
- o Big rally in DC led by low wealth communities in Appalachia. Very powerful Country Western and Gospel.

Cherie follow up:

- o Progress of legislation: We have 77 signatories, but fear is that an overwhelming number of republicans would undermine the bill, as they want fast track approval of fossil fuels.
- o Shelly Caputo R, submitted a competing bill for “reform”. May cancel each other out.
- o Dirty deals are tied to closing the government. Sept 30 will be the day to vote on whether to keep the government open.

9/8 Bannon heckled at court appearance

Julie: Thursday learns that he was going to court.

Strategy: Brought banner and sign. Planned what to say. Depending on where the mikes were, it appeared that J drowned Bannon out. Greasy Grifter RingTone got 1.1 views. 1.1 million views,

Every MSNBC show used those subtitles. 1 MAGA yelled, “Julie is a lying activist swamp vile stain.” Julie calls this a badge of honor.

Ringtone of Julie’s chant: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPH9EnTzJNU>

9/8 Chase Bank action at USTA

Cherie:

- o CHASE is the logo everywhere in the US Open.
- o Chase is the major fueler of fossil fuels in the world.
- o US open stop taking US dollars.
 - o 1500 fans printed up. We gave out all the fans. Security guards took the fans before people went into the venue.
 - o Robert: video you have no right to take the fans away. Virginia will be making a video using Robert's Footage. Terrified of us.
 - o Virginia ran to tell them to take QR codes.
 - o We were able to set up near the gate given the melee. People were very interested in what Chase was taking away from them.
 - o We will make this work for us.

9/8 Say Their Names (every Friday at 5:00PM at 96th & Broadway)

Jenny and Ann:

- o There is a Say their Names exhibit in San Diego which will be held at Seneca Village Sept 18.
- o Discussion: Can we take our Say their names sign to Seneca Village? How to reach Urban League and the Schomburg, which Ann tried to communicate with
- o We will discuss this further at Actions.
 - o Jenny thinks in addition to the regular action.
- o Talk to the organizers. And remember nonprofits are under staffed.

9/12 Trump Corporation Hearing at 100 Centre St.

- o Hearing did happen, and press did not. German press.
- o Many men in suits taking pics, quiet thumbs up. Saying thank you.

9/12 Malliotakis Monday leafleting at SI Express Bus Stops

Cherie:

- o ½ dozen went out to bus stops heading to Staten Island. Event was sort of “meh” Republicans, some curious people, some knew a lot about Malliotakis.
- o The Elections Group is working tomorrow to develop future plans.

9/13 Truth Tuesday at FOX every Tuesday at 10AM 47th & 6th Ave.

Julie: Used NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW, good photos.

Non-RaR announcements

Climate Actions

Cherie:

- o 3 pm 9/18 at Brooklyn Boro Hall Many environmental groups rallying against the N Brooklyn Pipeline.
- o Annual student strike is coming up. September 23. Fridays for the Future.

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