

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 8.25.2020

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**Notes - Heather Facilitators - Karin Schall & Jay W. Walker**

### REPORTBACKS

**March Against Billionaire Landlords, August 20:** Katrina: Large crowd, hundreds of people, more speakers than expected. Goal was to support legislation to cancel evictions. Marched from 42nd St to 52St. Lots of music kept people's spirits up. Overall a good action. As a Jamie-and-Alexis trained marshal, Katrina felt comfortable reassuring immigrants as to the degree of risk of arrest for this march. That is something to keep in mind for future events. Not all marshals are trained in working with immigrants who may be risking more by being out in the street.

**Say Their Names August 21:** Jenny H: A smaller group this week, since we also had the March for the Dead on the same day. But there are always people from the neighborhood who come out regularly. Unfortunately, we always have to add new names. This week a woman from the Ivory Coast stopped by. Her brother had been arrested 2 days before for protesting there. She was very emotional seeing us free to stand out and protest police violence. Jon: The construction worker who confronted the march last week was not there and has supposedly been reassigned to another site. **The next action is 5:00 Friday, August 28 at 96th & Broadway.**

**March for the Dead Fight for the Living August 21:** Ken: This march got worldwide press coverage. This is the beginning not the end, we need to make these deaths visible. People connect to this message. We need to lay the responsibility at Trump's feet. Jay: the press coverage hit all of the points - understood the message of the action. Press releases started going out 3 weeks early, 1 week early, and right up to the last minute. Jackie: this was successful as a collective ritual of mourning. Ken: Thank you to Ivy for the beautiful graphics.

Jon: The reading of the names at the end in Foley Square was a beautiful way to acknowledge their humanity. Rick: The bike marshals did a beautiful job. His one concern was how close people were and there wasn't a lot of social distancing. Ken: there was 100% mask compliance. Jay: we've seen for months that this kind of closeness, while masked, has not increased the number of cases in our city. Jackie: The press is saying 1,000 people. Addison: Bike Marshaling is a great way to participate and stay distanced

**Save the Post Office. August 21:** Diane: We went to the main post office by Penn Station in solidarity with MoveOn's day of action with 800+ events. We used the signage we've developed over the past few months. Our specific message for the day was "USPS: Created to Serve, Not to Profit." There was a core of about 30 people, but then more people joined. There were probably 50 people at the busiest. The Post Office Working Group will be meeting again soon. Jay: participated in the Jackson Heights action. The postmaster for that location was very grateful to see the group. Robert: Rise and Resist was one of the first organizations to bring attention to the post office and we should be very proud of the work that we've done and the messaging that we've developed. We need to continue to bring up the pension mandate, because that's the poison pill legislation that's killing the post office. Virginia: attended an action in Maine, has heard of a lot of other small town actions thanks to the efforts of MoveOn. We should jump into national actions like this whenever we can. Diane: her husband attended an action in Redondo Beach CA. We need to keep a focus on voting by mail. Jenny: the connections to the postal workers is important - their level of investment and pride is growing by how they're being treated first badly by Covid and now well by the public.

**Bayard Ruskin March, August 24:** Jay: The March was from Ruskin's last residence on W 28th St. to Washington Square Park. Small - 20-30 people. Lighthearted and fun sidewalk march. Designed to meet up with a rally in Washington Square Park in honor of Marsha P. Johnson. Jon: The rally was in honor of her birthday. Very powerful. A large group, largely trans people of color reading us out. We need to make sure our trans friends are OK and that they always get home safely. "We're Not Going To Take This Anymore." The march for Jacob Blake also joined the rally. At that point there was some police activity. But overall it was all large and powerful and energizing. Jackie: Mark H was at the final event at the piers, and had an incredible time. Lots of speakers and free donated food. Music and dancing into the night. Susan: this is her neighborhood, she saw the rally and it was beautiful. But then as she continued home she saw 16 police cars and police ready to move in. But they didn't.

## UPCOMING ACTIONS

**No More Years, Central Park, August 27:** Robert: We'll be gathering at 6:00 at the bandshell, processing to the Bethesda fountain. Our intent is to honor the work that we have done for the past 4 years on the night that Trump accepts the nomination. We're bringing together many of the different threads we've been working on with 5 large banners and a collection of signs from over the years. Now we are thinking of it as a bookend to March for the Dead, bringing that

energy into this action. Email Robert if you'd like more information: [rcroon@gmail.com](mailto:rcroon@gmail.com).  
Virginia: we're talking about having a portion of the night where people can shout out the change they want to see. We're trying to get some music for the end - who was the wonderful choir and how did we get them at the March for the Dead? Jay: they were the Resistance Revival Chorus. Jay and Virginia to talk about trying to book them. Jay: the "No More Years" chant caught on really well at March for the Dead and got into some TV coverage. Jackie: this will not be on social media to keep it from the cops. Heather (via chat): Anyone needing the shorter walk and no stairs option for this action should go directly to the Boathouse at 6:00. Please don't come to the Bandshell, you'll just have to double-back. We'll be expecting you at the Boathouse starting at 6:00.

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**Instagram / Social Media Training:** Addison: the Instagram group has lots of ideas. There are quite a few people involved in the group. We're trying to figure out people's feelings about groups that we promote on our Instagram. If people have feelings about who we amplify and who we don't please be in touch with the group. If you want to pass on your thoughts to Addison, please email her at [addison@myhaircutsareperfect.com](mailto:addison@myhaircutsareperfect.com). Brian: curious as to why we're hesitant to put Thursday's action on social media. Heather and Jay spoke to that. For questions / thoughts to Brian, please email at [brianhansbury@gmail.com](mailto:brianhansbury@gmail.com). Michael Delia: he would say that we draw the line at groups who are promoting the message not to vote for either the D or R candidate. Tom: we will never talk about endorsing a candidate on our Instagram. But for now, the group is trying to develop a list of non RaR content we're interested in promoting.

**Finance** - Susan: Our Net worth is \$20,600 an increase of \$400 from last report.

## ENDORSEMENTS

**"Arts Workers Unite" : Be An Arts Hero Labor Day Action 9/7** guest Jenny Makhholm:  
Be an Arts Hero is working to get federal relief for all the people who make the arts and culture sectors move. Aid for venues and for workers. Mission Statement: To keep Arts workers alive, in their home, and with jobs to come back to. This helps all Americans - to bring back the \$600 UI, to subsidize COBRA, the 3rd ask is to fund umbrella arts organizations so they can support their members. Day of Action on Labor Day while Congress is still on vacation, since we are a labor union organization. Putting on a 50 State socially-distanced masked action. Asking for endorsement for the Times Square Action. This will take a tremendous amount of people to help organize this. Asking help with setup to tape off marks for the performers. Need volunteers to come on Monday morning at 7:00 AM or 8:00 AM (TBD). Questions were raised about why this was a permitted action and if it's really necessary to work with the police. A decision to endorse and / or help was put off for another week. Jenny will return next week with more information.

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## **Students for Justice Update**

Sandy gave an update of what the Summer Interns accomplished (with help from many RaR members). 1) Recruited 1,003 volunteers. 2) Distributed 53,156 postcards, 3) Made 68,300 phone calls. 4) Raised \$13,089. Jay and Alexis were both guest speakers, they were the most popular speakers and are being invited back for the next session. The interns wrote 17 op-eds (4 published so far) and created 8 short films. The next session will be double in size and will be able to offer generous stipends and hire an administrative staff, and create 2 specialized tracks: Film Maker and Marketing Strategist. Looking for another 17 volunteers to be mentors for the fall interns. If you can mentor or know someone who can mentor, please email Sandy [slradoff@gmail.com](mailto:slradoff@gmail.com). The time commitment for mentoring is 2 one hour meetings with the entire group of interns and mentors and a half hour one on one meeting with each intern. So for one it would be 2-1/2 hours a week ; for two it would be 3 hours a week. The website is [studentsforjusticevote.com](http://studentsforjusticevote.com). By the end of next week all the videos will be up.

## **Non Rise and Resist Announcements**

**Housing Works Unionizing support August 26:** Dan Kroop: the union efforts are being appealed to the NLRB. There's a virtual action tomorrow to support the workers. Call Earl Ward, chair of the Housing Works Board and demand they rescind the appeal. phone (212) 763-5000

e-mail: [eward@ecbawm.com](mailto:eward@ecbawm.com). Facebook event here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/722180678362085/>. Housing Works Union - on IG <https://www.instagram.com/housingworksunion/>. For more context check out the video about the campaign: <https://vimeo.com/444708899>. Dann may return to RaR asking for the endorsement of the overall unionizing effort.

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