

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 8.8.2023

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- Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom meeting click [here](#).

Facilitators: Jennifer and Stu **Note Taker:** Wendy 25 Attendees

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

GOOD NEWS!

- [DOJ indicted Trump for his attempted coup](#), and [the indictment makes for good reading](#).
- [Judge Kaplan dismisses Trump's defamation suit against E. Jean Carroll](#).
- We have over \$18,000 in our bank account.

MIGRANTS IN NYC DEBRIEF & DISCUSSION WITH MARIA GAMBALE

- The city opens new shelters and moves people without notice. Shelters are opening all the time, with little warning - it's good to establish a relationship with your local city council member to stay informed.
- [South Bronx Mutual Aid](#) is very active in helping with supplies. [ICE Watch](#) is helping people know their rights.
- Physical needs tend to be clothing and shoes first, then Metrocards, phones, and social services. The shelters aren't providing services, including help getting NYC ID.
- 60-day rule for single immigrant men is in violation of shelter laws.
- [FHEPS program is underused for housing](#). There's a need to get work permits to people faster. Asylum is the best way of getting a work permit but it's not a suitable pathway for everyone. Processing also takes months due to a lack of resources.
- Hundreds of millions of dollars are being paid to contractors for shelters while actual aid is nil. There are also organizations taking money for meeting needs including psychological care, but not providing much.
- One ask: Pressure elected officials including city council members. To some extent council's hands are tied due to policy being under the mayor's control, but the council can hold hearings including one this Thursday.
- A lot of different departments are responsible for different shelters. The mayor seems to be deliberately dividing responsibility so no one can be called on anything.
- You can contact [Maria](#) if you're looking to help in a particular neighborhood.
- From Paul: Mayor Adams suggested that NYC's migrant crisis is getting so out of hand that New Yorkers [should stop asking him to address it and take ownership themselves](#).

“People need to stop asking, ‘Eric, what are you doing?’ This is a moment we need to ask, ‘What are we doing?’”

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Thursday, August 10 - Immigration vigil

- **Where and when:** Staten Island Ferry Terminal, 5 PM

Friday, August 11 - Say Their Names

- **Where and when:** 96th and Broadway, 5 PM

Wednesday, August 16 - “Save Medicare’s Lower Drug Prices” action

- **Where and when:** Outside Jones Day law offices, 250 Vesey, 12 PM - 1 PM
- Location changed due to Bristol Myers Squibb moving HQ from midtown to Princeton recently. Jones Day is representing multiple entities suing Medicare.
- [RSVP here](#).
- Email [Mark](#) if you want to share your own stories about Medicare and prescriptions.

Saturday, September 2? - Climate Action

- **Where and when:** Museum Of Natural History, time TBD
- Follow-up to Extinction Rebellion action pointing out the dinosaur room is named for David H. Koch.
- Date is subject to change due to it being Labor Day weekend.

Saudi financed golf tournament in Bedminster

- This weekend - maybe good for a photo op.
- **Floor voted yes to explore options w/ Rick and actions committee**

Flyering for September 17 Climate Action March

- Nothing solidified yet
- Contact Stu or Livvie if interested.

Update from Livvie on State Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal conversation about 14.3 amendment

- Moving ahead with him and legislative director - to revive riot act next session and looking into working with groups.
- Another meeting in September.
- One idea is to work with Zellnor Myrie on elections committee in state senate - reaching out to BK activists on that. Anyone in Myrie’s district should contact him about 14.3

REPORTS BACK

August 2 & 3: Actions at Trump Tower to mark Trump’s Indictment

- 1 PM action: Good turnout, people were very very supportive.
- 5 PM: Trump supporter screaming over reading of first 9 pages of indictment. The one screamer riled up some people who were against us. “Controlled chaos” says Robert.
- Julie says MAGA people who are angry are really angry. One guy said “remember when the civil war starts, we’re the ones with the AKs”

- Rick says our answer to Hunter Biden should always be Jared Kushner
- We're prepping for an action after Fani Willis indictment. Same plan as DOJ. If it comes out early in AM we'll go at 5 PM. If it's later, we'll go 1 PM next day

O'Shae Sibley demonstrations

- Thursday August 3: Smallish memorial starting at Stonewall took subway to the Coney Island gas station where [O'Shae was killed while dancing](#).
- Saturday August 5: Huge dance party protest at the gas station, with Qween Jean leading.

Friday, August 4: Fox Summer Concert Series

- Every Friday this summer at 7AM
- Donny Osmand did three live songs and bantered with the crowd
- Lots of interaction with the crowd.
- Didn't heckle Donny but did heckle hosts when they came out.
- One troublemaker snatched RAR's spare props and started to smash them in the street, though we didn't lose any bamboo poles or signs. He didn't come back and we were able to pick up the props, but we have to keep our eyes open and be careful when we engage. Robert has the props and we will continue this Friday
- Sandy says Karin was over by entryway where hosts enter building and she had some words with someone coming out of a car, a guard came up to Sandy later and said we are "really bad people" for heckling people leaving their cars

Friday, August 4: Say Their Names

- Every Friday at 5PM at 96th & Broadway
- Weather was lovely!
- Two new people joined us

Saturday, August 5: NYFAR at Planned Parenthood Clinic Defense

- In addition to the usual fake clinic escort, a fake medical professional showed up and managed to shove anti-abortion literature into at least one person's hands.
- The Rude Mechanical Orchestra helped make a joyous noise on behalf of the clinic defenders.

Sunday, August 6: Hiroshima Nagasaki march to the Intrepid

- Not a lot of young people involved in the movement
- The anti-nuke movement needs to start connecting to the climate movement; the U.S. military is the largest climate polluter on the planet.

Monday, August 7: Rikers Vigil

- New air-conditioned location in Penn Station was scouted by Leon.

- People come down on a long escalator which RAR faced so everyone saw our signage.
- Handed out all leaflets and could've handed out more

Tuesday, August 8: Truth Tuesdays at FOX "News"

- Summer hours: Every Tuesday at 10AM at 47th & 6th Ave.
- Good turn out, enthusiastic reception, people stopped for photos, good conversations including a guy who asked about our strategy- said he was a lawyer for NBC
- THE Michael Cohen stopped by! Julie chatted with him. He said Fox "isn't so evil."

NON-RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Demo at City Hall on Thursday, August 10, at 12:30 to demand federal receivership of Rikers till Rikers is shut down. Sponsored by Ethical Culture and others.

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