

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 5.5.2020

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**Notes** - Jamie **Facilitators** - Jay, Jennifer and Livvie **ASL Signer** - Elizabeth

The meeting started at 7:05 to give people time to holler and bang pots.

### REPORT BACKS

Jackie R. presented with an assist from Jamie B.

**Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse is leaving New York City.** At the Reclaim Pride press conference that RAR endorsed, the NYPD tried to stop the press conference. One protestor was ticketed by NYPD.

- There will be follow up with the Mayor and NYPD regarding our First Amendment right to gather and protest. Norman Siegel is working on this.

Robert C. - difficult to maintain social distancing there.

Jay W. - made it clear we were all masked at event -

Leon K. - The **TRUMP LIES PEOPLE DIE banner** went to Queens. They went to Elmhurst Hospital and to Flushing Meadow Park. These are especially hard hit parts of the city. Actions Committee will discuss next areas, maybe up to the Bronx or out to Staten Island.

Elka K. suggested going to the Bronx and creating a peaceful protest there.

Elka K. And Robert C. Post Office report back. The banner says "SAVE THE POST OFFICE/PROTECT VOTE BY MAIL". They will take the banner to the main Post Office.

- They are doing chalking in front of mailboxes. They encourage us to chalk in front of Post Offices and Mail Boxes. Please use the #USPS ESSENTIAL FOREVER in every chalking. You can add other messages, but always use the tag line. It can be difficult to keep social distance because people want to take photos.

Robert C. recommends sidewalk chalk, bright and big. It can be done wherever people are, not just NYC.

Cherie A. says that postal workers use #SAVE THE POST OFFICE

Ann S. raised that someone was arrested for chalking (a plywood board) so to be careful.

## UPCOMING ACTIONS

Ken K. and Jamie B. spoke about trying to get the **West Point commencement canceled** (Trump is scheduled to speak there on June 13). All colleges have been closed by Cuomo and there are no graduations at any NY schools.

Hashtag is #CadetsNotCadavers

Comment on Cuomo's press conferences on Facebook, and also tweet away.

Jonathan W. and Rick W. spoke about the idea of doing a **body bag action** in conjunction with Indivisible BK. Ten people will bring and stuff body bags, and they will be placed on the curb, and then the TRUMP LIES PEOPLE DIE banner will go behind the banner. This will be done with clear social distancing - mostly a photo shot not a protest.

**Vote for \$300 was approved**

Stu W. reported on a small action that was done at the Federal Reserve about the loan program and Trump's friends getting loans. The banner read "**BAIL OUT PEOPLE NOT OIL**".

Sandy R. good news - **J.P. Morgan Chase finally demoted Lee Raymond** - climate denier. Stop The Money Pipeline folk are celebrating and so are we.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING DISCUSSION

We need to **keep social distancing in place** and use masks.

Use them as a design function.

Optics are important, but it is part of the greater vision of working together for the greater good.

All photos should model social distancing and have us wearing masks.

Plan for the least number of people at actions, and encourage small actions.

Make a clear distinction between us and the "REOPEN AMERICA" protestors using clear social distinction.

Mark H. - **Rise and Resist Healthcare Action group is meeting again**. Let Mark know that you want to join. Working on Hospital capacity and the number of hospitals left in New York. That there is no surge capacity at all, especially Queens. Queens has lost 50% of it's hospitals, but it is a problem all across the city. They are meeting on Tuesdays at 4:30PM.

**RaR.healthcare@gmail.com**

**The continuing situation around the state budget** - the budget that was adopted allows the Governor to make budget adjustments, and the proposals will need to be approved by the legislature. A lot of concerns about Medicaid funding, and other cuts. Alternatively, they can borrow money, borrow from the Federal Reserve, tax the ultra rich, or get a buyout from Congress. New York is clearly not the only state with these problems. Short term gap fillers for the budget would have to come from borrowing.

**Links to letters:**

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pXuXImCRUsijXHTMKTRVklU744rPj-DP/view>
- NY Single-Payer bill letter: <https://www.nyhcampaign.org/twitterstormmay2020>
- [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-5zmPeGKahq5A0d\\_Vub0NWyD3ptZBNOXChzS2LjKL9F1uRw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-5zmPeGKahq5A0d_Vub0NWyD3ptZBNOXChzS2LjKL9F1uRw/viewform)

Ann R. Election Town Halls - Budget Justice has been holding a series of town halls.

Here's a better link to tomorrow night's **#BudgetJustice** town hall on Housing, Rent relief, and related: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsd-ioqTwvE9D2KMtE9MWe\\_c06Gy-Gv9i\\_](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsd-ioqTwvE9D2KMtE9MWe_c06Gy-Gv9i_)

Sandy R. **Reclaim The Vote postcarding** to make sure that people in key states are registered to vote, and that they have not been removed from the rolls by voter suppression. AZ TX GA NC MS and AL are the states that are being focussed on. 1,300 posters from 18 RAR people have been sent out! Millions more postcards to go out. If you want to write them, contact Sandy.

**Close The Camps - endorsement**

Lizzi M. presenting. Each Friday they will caravan around issues protesting Cuomo. Car Caravans, cycling, and pedestrians. Proposed to endorse all May actions - proposal passed.

Dann R. And Susan L. gave the **finance report**. \$13,800.

Dann contacted a printer through Mary for 120 **masks at \$4 per mask. Trump - Death, Trump Lies People Die, Abolish ICE** - we can sell some at cost and give some away. **Proposal passed.**

There was some dissent in the chat, regarding lack of discussion and objections. Vote will be taken again next week with more options explored and discussion,

Donna announced about **Halt Solitary**.

<https://nycaic.org/action/>

**Support Senate bill prohibiting long term solitary confinement. RAR endorsed.**

Blanket endorsement of HALT SOLITARY passed to sign onto letters.

Meeting ended at 9:10PM with RISE AND RESIST cheer...

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