

## Rise and Resist General Meeting 1.28.2020

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**Notes** - Alexandra **Facilitators** - Livie and Mike

### REPORT BACKS

1/23 **Chase Bank Action** - Midday action at their HQ. Stu: had much bigger than anticipated - Sandy did really good coalition work - so we had about 75 people with XR, [350.org](http://350.org). XR brought own banner and did die-in too. We're going to be there about once a month. Alexandra: their security didn't know what to do with us, just waited for police.

1/27 Emergency "**Stop the GOP Cover-Up**" Action - Jamie: planned this emergency action and Paul's friend has banner company, Mary designed the banners, and we got them done by Friday. About 80-100 people stood with us, lots of "thumbs up" and some "get a job" audience responses. Only two Trump trolls, not bad. Donna: people looked absolutely delighted to see us.

1/28 **Vigil for Malaysia Goodson Rally** - Elevator Action - great turnout, including press, photographers. Minute of silence in Malaysia's honor. City Council Rep spoke. Eye-opening when lawyers admitted the city owns the subway. MTA Judge said everything is dependent on what happens in the Appellate Court.

City Council Resolution 976 on **Nuclear Disarmament** - skip until next week.

### UPCOMING ACTIONS

**Chase Branch Actions** - Sandy and Stu, Climate Group

Sandy we're modeling on Impeach pop-ups, having little protests of 4 people to hold signs and take pictures.

You put your money into Chase.

Chase puts your money into fossil fuels.

Chase fuels the Climate crisis.

Put your money in another bank.

Actions will be 12 noon Saturdays and first will be at Chase, Sheridan Square.

Sandy - If we got a larger turnout than 4, we can easily cover multiple Chase branches.

You can email Stu if interested.

Martin: Would you hand out options for banking that is NOT in fossil fuels?

Yes. We can recommend like 6 including Amalgamated Bank.

**Immigration Vigils** 1/30 at Grand Central and 2/13 at the Oculus (Thurs 5:30)

Silent vigils.

**State of the Union demo** (2/4) - We thought of protesting Trump's war, but what should we be messaging?

Since Mitch McConnell announced he doesn't have votes to block witnesses, and vote on witnesses looks like Friday.

Option 1: Do Trump Is Guilty demo evening of State of the Union

Option 2: Skip protest that day.

Option 3: Target Trump Tower 12:30-1 on State of Union Day

Curran - We should definitely protest even if it's small.

Alexandra - list his crimes vs. state of people's lives

Jill - Alternate state of the union, announce with sound permit, could be parody style.

Actions Cmte will be meeting at Jamie and Donna's house Wed. possibly 6 pm, but may participate in anti-Trump demo at Times Square (then start meeting at 7 pm).

RWDSU union may have space we can use.

We usually get 15 people at our Actions Meeting

Mark - We could have someone who could recite Trump's crimes  
We could have some people give their own testimonies  
We could have a recitation of real state of the union stats - opioid deaths.

Alexandra - people who got into Trump tower were interrupted quickly, so we should do something short, visual.

Jamie - the object is to get everyone in, then do program.

**We voted unanimously to approve Actions Cmte develop plan for 2/4 protest.**

DATE TBD: 5:30 pm **Senate Acquittal Action** in Center of Columbus Circle (ERT approved) - needs vote Rick and Jamie: Will include public action and vague action.

If it happens on a weekday, before 2 pm, we'd go out same day.

If it's after 2 pm, we'd go out the next weekday at 5 pm.

If they vote on a Friday after 2 pm, we'd go out 2 pm on Saturday.

If they vote on a Saturday after 2 pm, we'd go out 2 pm on Sunday.

The theme is: Flip the Senate! The GOP Destroys Democracy. Take it Back!

Vague action will be "easy" for people to participate.

The two harder things we need people to do:

1. Support people
2. Marshalls to run demo on the Circle

Need folks to sign up for these jobs.

**ERT voted to do this and approve \$600 budget.**

**We voted unanimously to support ERT's decision to do this action.**

Presidents Day - Monday, Feb. 17 1-2 pm. GAG doing - **Resurrect the Presidency Action** (Sequel to Funeral for the Presidency) for an action at the Washington Square arch. Need a sound system.

Thinking of having a witch's cauldron - DIY made - Use that as a way to burn the negative energy of 3 years of Trump. Then resurrect the figure from the coffin..

Have Lady Justice, Lady Liberty, and Columbia?

Rude Mechanical Orchestra play music

Cherie - seems a little early to resurrect the presidency, but I trust you.

Jill - So, it's like a kick off of 2020 presidential campaign.

Mark - Keep it away from religious specifics, keep high ideals.

Contact for the GAG Presidents Day action is

[Jayw.walker@gmail.com](mailto:Jayw.walker@gmail.com)

Next mtg. Sun. 2/2 at 2-4 pm (email J walker for location.)

### **Albany Report Backs:**

**Halt Solitary** - Donna - Cuomo blocking and proposing bad alternative to no solitary

We didn't lobby, we agitated in the 4 block long concourse tunnel.

Cuomo had a press conference at the egg with legislators.

After we were able to confront legislators as they exited, very loudly, good.

We decided to chant together and sing together and dance.

Altogether it was very inspiring and strengthened my commitment to ending solitary.

Rise and Resist is part of True Blue NY and Budget Justice coalition

Which seeks to eliminate Cuomo's austerity producing 2% budget cap and seeking to tax the billionaires.

Our action synchronized wonderfully with the Halt Solitary

Julia Salazar and Harvey Epstein were announcing a tax the millionaires bill, so we stood behind them.

Livvie - Budget Justice put out a budget proposal just before Cuomo proposed his.

Mark - Cuomo rather than increasing taxes to meet 6 billion shortfall, is appointing commission to find \$4 Bil savings in Medicaid and want's localities to pay more. Imposing austerity on NY.

Assembly is likely on board for taxes on the ultra-rich. They've come up with proposals to raise 35-50 billion more to pay for things like public schools.

Vocal NY, NYCC, DSA - **Doing Make Billionaires Pay campaign** - most of these people live on UES. On Feb. 29th march up 5th Ave and stop at mansions of these people.

Livvie - Last week we went up to Michael Bloomberg's new Harlem campaign office to protest. Going to [740 Park Avenue](#) residence next.

Cherie - We're part of NY Renews and working with Movement for a Green New Deal: NYCC, Food and Water Watch, Sunrise, DSA

250 people from NY Renews and 50 people from Movement for a Green New Deal went to Albany monday 1/27.

Movement for a Green New Deal went to budget committee meeting and disrupted: Chanting "Tax the Rich for a Green New Deal."

Cuomo's proposal acts like there's new money for climate, but there is NO NEW money for climate in his proposals, and there is money for Fracked pipelines.

Cuomo - We called bullshit on the Gov's budget.

We went through Senate hallways chanting same thing.

We felt it a great, effective day.

Judy - NY Renews - I went on bus from Nassau County

They provided us with No Empty Promises t-shirts.

We need at least \$1 Billion this year to fund the CCIA climate law passed last year.

We went and lobbied pretty much every assembly person.

We said can you commit to funding the CCIA this year at least \$1 Billion.

We 250 stood up with signs and shirts and did silent protest.

Robert Jackson, Jessica Ramos, Rachel May - three of the IDC replacement progressive candidates who won in 2018. We met with them - They showed great support.

1/29 March for Truth: NY Demands a Real Trial - Times Square, 5:30-7:30 pm

Martin -

**We voted unanimously to endorse this protest.**

## **FINANCE**

\$14,400 net worth, \$800 more than last week

\$115 collected tonight

## NON RISE AND RESIST EVENTS

Livvie: **Indivisible Hub Dialer** - Hooks you up with voters in states where Senators may support having witnesses, encourage them to call their Senators.

Sandy: April 22nd - **People's Climate Movement** coalition, led by Leslie Cagan, will hold massive mobilization. Requesting

April 23rd is **Finance Day - earth day** - Stop the Fossil Fuel Money Pipeline - do a large CD of maybe 100 people targeting maybe Chase or Blackrock or both.

Jay: 1/29 **Queer Liberation March Town Hall mtg** at 7 pm

Katrina - **Decolonize this Place** - People's Money Instagram is starting to police DTP account. Look into pressuring Instagram.

J31 City Wide of Transit Action

1/29 **Sylvia Rivera Law Project for homeless LGBTQIA** project

Feb 5 **Housing Justice** lobbying in Albany

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