

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 5.12.2020

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Notes - Jamie **Facilitators** - Sandy, Paul, and Kellen **ASL Signer** - Elizabeth

Here is our [Direct Action Hub Spreadsheet](#)

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

REPORT BACKS

Rick showed the **banner pictures of the “Trump Lies People Die”** banner as modified to show the number of deaths.

SCOTUS action 5/12/2020 - Jamie, Rick, and Zack presented the small demo at the Federal Courts and 40 Center Street.

Post Office Actions - Elka, Cherie and Robert presented - The banner reads **“SAVE THE POST OFFICE/PROTECT VOTE BY MAIL”** and they held it at the main Post Office - and they chalked up the whole street with the chalk “stamps” on the sidewalk. The stamps read **“#USPS ESSENTIAL FOREVER”**. Good response from Postal workers - who said they’d heard about it from other workers at other postal offices.

Karin said to **carry chalk** and stop and write at every mail box/relay box on your way. Jenny said that it is a clear and lovely action - should do a video showing different people chalking and doing it.

There is a **Postcard Campaign**, with both regular post cards and potentially a postcard website that automatically sends them out at \$1.50 per card. Also maybe a tool kit with PDFs. The Objective is to hit all 50 states.

The group asked for \$200 for postcards. **VOTE PASSED**

Donna talked about **RAR supporting groups that do political work around criminal justice** issues. She would like RAR to work with RAPP, VOCAL, Halt Solitary, Center For Community Alternatives, and Just USA.

- We need to educate ourselves, which we can do by having speakers, attending their Zoom meetings, or watching videos online.

Donna would like to **form a subcommittee**, and would like to be able to sign us onto letters, and to endorse campaigns and discuss them during the regular part of the meetings.

- Mary suggested using the same method that Elections uses with True Blue.
- Elka asked whether the [google spreadsheet](#) is being used because some of the campaigns are on the spreadsheet.
- Jennifer B. volunteered to help Donna organize.

Ray suggested expanding the meeting length on Zoom and going to 9:30 pm. About a dozen people are interested.

Is it OK to **sign letters for RAR** and bypass ERT blanket signing privileges.

VOTE PASSED but there was some concern so we will revisit to hear concerns of abstainers.

Donna would like help at donnagould@earthlink.net

RE: VOCAL's Thursday afternoon meetings - it's their weekly townhall. So far they're saying it's at 4 pm this week: **Thursday 5/14 @ 4PM**: Membership Town Hall on NYC Budget Register Here. Contact: Nick nick@vocal-ny.org

Dann spoke about **Masks**.

3 Ply cotton mask with "**Trump=Death**" and "**Trump Lies People Die**"

\$350 for 50 masks passes with Dann taking charge of mailing them out only for shipping costs

VOTE PASSED

Mark Hannay - **Healthcare Action Group**

Campaign for NY Health - promoting the universal / single payer bill holding an [online virtual rally](#).

Ask for RAR to endorse - FB event link. No responsibility other than promoting the event. Next **Wednesday, May 20 at 12noon**. **MOTION TO ENDORSE PASSES**

- **Action plans** around what has happened to hospitals in NYC - 0% surge capacity especially in outer boroughs / low income communities. Frontline healthcare providers are still not getting all the gear needed and there are no guidelines / standards for what is required - including janitorial staff and aides.

- Look at Cuomo and what is going on with Medicaid and the federal COVID-19 bills. Especially issues around long term home care vs. nursing homes.
- <https://www.facebook.com/events/s/virtual-rally-for-universal-gu/607965283141078/>

Cherie presented for the **Climate Action Group** - part of the **Stop The Money Pipeline Coalition** - going after the Marsh Insurance Company which is the insurance underwriter of the Adani Coal Mine - would be the biggest coal mine in Australian history - the government approved it but if it can't get insurance for construction and operation then they can't build it.

Online rally - if you want to go on to the rally - **Monday, May 18, 8PM.**

<https://m.facebook.com/unfriendfossilfuels/photos/gm.651165399060088/3085238424871495/?type=3&source=44>

- Marsh is reviewing their coal policies - so this is timely.

Finance - Susan Lee presented - they are working on filing all the regular forms.

NON RISE AND RESIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elka, Angie - **this Friday** there will be a run in Schenectady part of **#RunWithMaud** - Elka would like to represent RAR in NYC in a support run. **VOTE TO ENDORSE PASSED**

Jim - Budget cuts in the city and the state - wants some Tax The Rich actions.

Katrina - save the date - **Wed May 20 5-6PM** Coalition for the Homeless will be having a zoom memorial service for homeless people and their caretakers who died from COVID-19. FB event isn't up yet. Go to [homepage](#) for more information

Suggested that we vote on Ray's proposal to extend the meeting - unclear vote - put off to next week.

Meeting ended at 9PM.

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