

## Rise and Resist General Meeting 11.19.2019

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  - Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm at the [People's Forum](#), 320 W 37th St, New York, NY 10018
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### Notes - Alexandra **Facilitators** - Jennifer and Stuart

Welcome - NYPD or Law enforcement - Please identify yourselves, Journalists - please identify yourselves if you are reporting on this meeting. To general membership: Just because people have not self-identified as NYPD or Journalists doesn't mean that there aren't police or journalists present. We welcome journalists and their media entities, but we ask that they identify themselves in the event that people do not want to be recorded.

Please put your phones away; let's remain present.

Folks who are in spaces like this normally speak a lot. We ask that you step back, and give space to people who may not be as comfortable speaking in a group to step up. We ask new folks to feel empowered to ask questions, to speak up, and to participate.

### Report Backs

#### **11/16 Cricket Valley action**

Sandy, Cherie, Paul:

29 people were arrested, ranging in age from 18 to 78. 4 people climbed a 70-foot tower where they were for 12 hours; several (including Sandy, Laurie C) chained themselves to a tractor. Many RaR members present. The space was held, preventing a work shift to start; workers who were ending their shift were not interrupted. Arrest process, and support process ran very smoothly; David Dorfman is the Atty for all people arrested. Sane Energy were the primary organizers – they protested the groundbreaking of this plant.

San Energy has a fundraiser on Dec. 7, 6 pm at the Westbeth Community Space. Please consider attending or contributing.

Action recommended: CALL CUOMO 877 235 6537. Remind him he banned fracking in NYS. There have been 200 calls so far. Mario Cuomo stopped the Shoreham Plant in mid-stream.

### **UARAF “Proud Boys” counter protest**

Jamie, Wroff and Kellen:

“Alleged Proud Boys action.” No chanting, no rally, no sun. Some people appeared in fake armor. Our local Trumpie trolls were the only ones there; no Proud Boys. “A waste of Saturday.” Marshalling was non-existent.

About 6 RaR members showed up.

Lessons learned: consider who it is worth counter protesting.

### **Upcoming Actions**

Leon:

**Bring the IMPEACH banner to the Philadelphia marathon: Saturday, November 24; Early AM: 7:45-9 am,**

Opportunity to catch shots of Liberty Bell, Liberty Hall, which is at mile 2 of the run, where there are many bystanders; then we can select another site.

Recommendation: bring flyers, business cards.

**RAR voted to endorse bringing RaR’s IMPEACH banner to Philadelphia.**

**Wed 11/20 Chase Bank headquarters – meet at 12 noon at clock in main hall of Grand Central (Action is 12:30 to 1:30)**

Cherie:

Chase is a major contributor to fossil fuels. There will be a die-In, dramatic narration; Something similar in a nearby branch. Not a FB event Not an arrestable event. Flyers will be distributed.

**Thur 11/21 5:30 PM Grand Central - No Raids/Close The Camps/Abolish ICE**

Donna: We will be shifting message; defend DACA, etc.

**12/5 Wall St tree lighting ceremony**

**Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> Transgender Day of Remembrance 6-7:30**

**Christopher Street Pier by the Fountain.**

**Kellen**

### **Facilitation announcements**

**\*Upcoming events at The People’s Forum**

Alexandra: Masterless Men: Poor Whites and Slavery in the Antebellum South  
December 11 at 7 to 9 pm

Alexandra approached artists in the community to see if we could create a course that would be of interest to RaR artists

Mary H recommended that we offer to put up a wall of photographs of our actions.

## **Presentation and discussion of RaR Survey results**

**Sandy R** was the force behind this survey, and she led a full discussion of the survey results. She thanked members who had participated 204 responses of 3000 surveyed; 7% response rate (this is an average rate of return.)

Many people are involved, though quite a few do not go to General Meeting, so in many ways RaR is alive and well.

Major complaint about General Meeting: some people talk too much.

Ideas for increasing social interaction; meet early in the cafeteria, more social events; make RaR more accessible and welcoming to new members. People feel that it's hard to feel a part of RaR.

Make the meetings less boring: more playful.

Breakout sessions: logistically difficult

### **General discussion**

There were different takes on drawing people

Focus on Dump Trump;

Shared themes: build community; what do we need to use the meeting for; what is its purpose after three years?

\*6:30 come early and chat, maybe have two people who help with signups.

\*Be careful about selection of speakers.

\*We need to make new people feel welcome renewal is essential.

\*One page summary for new members.

\*RaR is collaborating very effectively with other groups.

\*RaR is very Manhattan Centric. Should there be satellite meetings?

\*Speakers and questions go on too long.

\*Importance of gathering together after the General Meeting as a way of bringing in young people.

\*Needed: more discussion of strategy in our actions

How do we want to follow up in terms of the survey?

If you want a copy of the survey results, contact Sandy at [slradoff@gmail.com](mailto:slradoff@gmail.com)

## **New Actions**

### **Inflation Eve**

Jamie: Weds November 27, midday; hang out with the Trump rat, details to follow next meeting

### **Cyber Monday**

**Stu: In coalition with Align, Make the Road; organizers of the anti-Amazon action in Queens, there are a series of actions planned, but no follow up yet.**

## **World AIDS day December 1**

**Mark H:** Nita Lowey is retiring soon; she has been a great ally, but has not advocated a world perspective

Proposed: friendly action in White Plains Monday, November 25. Take 8:20 am train to White Plains for 10 am action. Drag queen will be present: One is Needa Meeting;

Main ask: How will you fight global AIDS Nita Lowey. Also decriminalization of sex work.

**RAR voted to endorse this action**

Julie: The stickers have all arrived! Members were invited to take as many stickers as they thought they would stick up.

**Finance**

**Robert:** We have \$11,700 in the bank; this is an increase of 200; we collected \$280 at the meeting.

**New Sanctuary action Wed 11/20 10AM at 26 Federal Plaza**

**David Black: No More Deaths;** Scott Warren is on trial for rescuing undocumented workers; this will be an action to protest his incarceration

**RAR voted to endorse this action**

**Non Rise and Resist actions and announcements**

**Katrina: Thursday 11/21 at 10 am, City Hall.** Protest about the quality of food in shelters.

December 18: Memorial for Homeless people who have died over the year.

**Vocal: Marijuana justice City Hall Noon Thursday November 21**

Livvie

**RAR voted to endorse this action**

**Decent campaign finance reform: led by Jumaane Williams, City Hall 1 pm, Thursday, November 21.**

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