

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 4.27.2021

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Facilitators: Jamie and Cherie **Notes:** Sandy

Good news:

Jennifer Bartlett—Masks no longer needed when outdoors and not in crowds.

Report backs:

4.01. Follow up to arrests from April 1 Albany Action

Katrina reporting: Of the three charges, two were dropped and one was reduced to a violation; no ACD; no 6 months. The violation resulted in a cost of \$140 per person. Housing Justice for All is spearheading obtaining money to cover these costs. Arrestees did not have to go to Albany; all was done over Microsoft Team.

4.22. Pfizer- People's Shareholder Action

Mark Hannay Reporting: Last Thurs. Pfizer had an annual meeting. RaR and others showed up outside Pfizer and had our own people's shareholder meeting. Talked about their profiteering; withholding its patent from other developing nations. Kickoff event of two weeks of action happening around the country. WTO happens on May 5; more actions on that day all around the country. Live-streamed over several channels including RaR. Mainstream media picking up this story. Buzz and attention on Capitol Hill. With ActUp and CPD, among other groups.

4.22. NYCAN Action

Ray reporting: Two weeks ago had an action at the Queens world's fair grounds. The action tied together nuclear disarmament and the climate crisis for earth day. Got some press in Queens, Gay City News, lot of social media action.

4.22. Immigration Vigil

Jamie reporting: Went back to South Ferry, Ferry Terminal. About 15-18 people. Cold day. Seeking Asylum is not a crime banner plus pictures and signs. Some came to hold signs. Not too many hecklers. One woman from Ecuador came to Jenny to say thank you. She was the

head of a human right's immigrant org in NJ. They were moved by the vigil and expressed interest in collaborating maybe in NJ.

At actions, there's an immigration subcommittee that is working on messaging. Will be continuing that discussion. May 6 next action at South Ferry at 5 pm.

4.22. Police Harassment at Black Trans Liberation action

Jay reporting: People have attacked them several times over the past month. Someone painted the monument in Columbus Circle. Jaleel was accused and she was brutalized. Put up a video on Instagram showing what they put her through; demeaning her, dehumanizing her. She has representation and a loving community. They are not reaching out for assistance; they have it under control. But we stand with them and will be there if they need us.

Jamie comments—police used the excuse of the vandalism to arrest the organizers. Police are obsessed with property damage.

Jon—Stuff in that area is really locked down now as a result. Red paint was done again and now there are barricades again. More cops near the Columbus statue in Central Park.

<https://freedomnews.tv/2021/04/23/protesters-arrested-after-painting-statues-in-columbus-circle-nyc/>

4.23. Say Their Names

Jon reporting: Eventful as the first gathering since the Chauvin verdict which was good news. Endless genocide is what we talk about. Important to hold space and be together. Virginia—first time—talked about the importance of ritual. The 9-1/2 minute silence was agonizing. Every Friday at 5 pm.

4.24. 23rd St. Stop Killing Black People Banner Action

Jackie Rudin reporting: Added signs with people's names who died the day the verdict was given. Always a couple of hecklers. Others come by to have their picture taken with the banner. Two black people talked about how tired they are and how much it means to see us there.

Request for RaR to join Red Black and Green New Deal Coalition

Cotter reporting: Part of the climate group Attended a Teach In about it. Under the BLM movement and their vision agenda. RBG New Deal is a ground-up grassroots organizing effort; led by mostly black women. These are people who have been heavily impacted by Climate Change; they are centered in LA. Poor communities in the south are affected; working on clean water, clean air etc. They are calling on non-black groups to help support and be an ally network. First, signing up, endorsing; May 11 meeting. Amplify on social media. Monthly meeting of allies. Federal legislation is the ultimate goal. Black led organization; focus on indigenous lands; centering on climate justice. Climate group wants to sign on as allies. Good way to continue to build coalitions. They see their work not only nationally but internationally. Use the RaR social media to amplify their message. Use our privilege as white people to do that. Bring any resources we can, connections etc.

Vote was taken on whether RaR should sign up as a supporting organization as well as signing on to their vision and agenda.

PASSED--RAR voted and agreed to join this coalition

Websites to learn more: <https://redblackgreennewdeal.org/> <https://m4bl.org/policy-platforms/>

Upcoming Actions:

5.5. Elevator action group

Jennifer VD reporting: Rider's Alliance asked us to join them at a rally on May 5 at noon at Cuomo's office. Demand Gov. Cuomo reinstate 24 hr subways immediately. Bringing cardboard Cuomo, signage etc. Essential workers are being penalized due to subways shut down. Calling it hygiene theater. No need for an endorsement. Rider's Alliance looking for people to tell personal stories of having been impacted.

5.7-8. Filibuster to end all filibusters

Livvie reporting: —24 hour filibuster action from noon on May 7 to noon on May 8; complicated action with Indivisible BK and Common Cause. Groups claim hours to read, speak, sign, keep it going. Props—Jamie—no banner for this; Chuck the filibuster in big orange letters. We need supplies—we wanted to ask for \$600. Indivisible BK is doing a postcarding campaign from there and we would like to contribute to that.

VOTE was taken to allot \$600 and it Passed.

Mark Hannay—reaching out to different groups RaR has worked with to get them to claim hours. We provide a library list of different suggested readings—poetry, political docs, major speeches, Supreme Court rulings that are significant etc. Two or three open mic hours. Want to have a run of show in place by this Friday. Schumer is supporting this.

Facebook event for Filibuster: <https://www.facebook.com/events/3795978957164705/>

Sign up for individuals: <http://bit.ly/Filibuster2EndFilibuster>>bit.ly/Filibuster2EndFilibuster

Link to the "Suggested Library of Readings" for the filibuster event:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fth26c4mUF33yKsCovGfdvJ6OzxUpVSj/view?usp=sharing>

Addendum to Filibuster Action

Day of Action for John Lewis Day of Action starts at 2 pm on Saturday, May 8; votercaedes to drive through communities of color. Maybe do a bicycle votercaede starting at noon.

Cosecha Action—Katrina—Most will be there Sat; some on Friday. Friday is an arrest action; Sat. Celebration; people coming from 8 states. 1,000 people Sat; Fri a few hundred. Sat-march around noon meals being provided. They are asking for someone to help provide hand sanitizer. They need costs covered by someone. While Katrina asked for \$600 for hand sanitizer, many indicated sanitizer is not an effective way to be safer so several suggested we donate \$200 for them to use as they see fit instead.

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/join-cosecha-in-dc-on-may-1> is the public Saturday event

Voted on \$200 and it PASSED.

5.12. AIG Climate Action

Cherie reporting: Climate action on Weds May 12 at 11 am. Climate group going to 175 Water St. to scout the location. Messaging will be to Tell them Don't insure climate disaster. Timed

around their annual meeting.

5.22 Beds not Body Bags

Ann Rubin reporting: Planned around the Closure of Kingsbrook Hospital which is going forward. May 22, No time of day yet. Doing this in coalition.

Updates And Announcements:

Parole Bills Update

Donna reporting: Getting more attention in the media. Was the focus of the Brian Lehrer show from Monday, April 26. Working on legislators to co-sponsor two bills. Carl Heastie and Andrea Cousins will impact whether these bills come to the floor. Signup for a call relay for May 13.

CCIA Update

Legislators working on it. Call your legislators before session ends in a few weeks.

HR1/S1 Teach In—Announced the TEACH IN for Thursday, April 29 at 11 am. Great way to learn about HR1/S1 before the filibuster action on May 7.

Discussion about meeting in person

We had a robust discussion about when and whether we should resume in person meetings. Many wanted us to consider a hybrid option which could accommodate zoom participation when meetings were held in person. However, it was noted that this could be difficult and expensive. One option floated was to meet in person once a month and on zoom the rest of the time. Where we would meet in person was also an open question and there is a need to explore options.

During the course of this discussion, the issue of zoom with captions was raised.

We need an administration committee to look into zoom with captions, hybrid equipment etc.

Link about Closed captioning and live transcription:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/207279736>

Finance

Susan reporting: Net worth \$16,700, an increase of \$500 from 4 weeks ago.

Non RaR announcements

Mike Delia: Ask for interviews—faculty advisor; news team; writing an article about racial justice and its relationship to history. Note from Mike sent in chat: I am the faculty advisor/editor of my school's Middle School News team (which publishes a news website), and our intrepid journalists are writing an article about recent racial justice protests in relation to history (e.g. They mentioned the WWII Japanese internment in relation to scapegoating Asian Americans for the COVID pandemic.) With the goal of both educating and inspiring our middle schoolers (Grades 5-8), I suggested that in order to provide both historical and current perspectives, they could interview some veteran activists who are active in Black Lives Matter, Immigrant Justice, and/or Stop Asian Hate protests. If you are interested in being briefly interviewed by Middle School journalists during our weekly zoom next Tuesday at 4:30-5:00 pm or possibly

interviewed via email, please let me know. Thanks for considering! Mike D'Elia
mdelia4@gmail.com

Update for coalition for the homeless

Katrina reporting: Heart Island—cemetery burials from Covid—postponed to next week.

Security guards' action

Katrina reporting: Family shelter that got shut down due to sexual harassment; want to mandate those accused get a history that keeps them from moving to another facility. Need people to testify.

<https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=851837&GUID=211B0485-AEE2-4BB6-BDE4-DDBA9BA036AA&Options=infoI&Search=>

Email Katrina at kat.corbell.19@gmail.com for more information about the sexual assault issue.

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