

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 3.8.2022

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Facilitators: Jay and Karin **Notes:** Sandy

Good News!

Post office getting an overhaul-Congress

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2022/03/08/usps-senate-biden/>

Guy Reffitt from Jan. 6 found guilty on all counts

<https://news.yahoo.com/jury-finds-jan-6-rioter-guy-refitt-guilty-on-all-charges-185659359.html>

Proud boy leader, Enrique Tarrio, was arrested for Jan 6 actions.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/mar/08/enrique-tarrio-proud-boys-leader-arrested-us-capitol-attack-conspiracy>

Upcoming/New Actions:

Next Immigration Vigil Thursday, March 10, at 5 PM in the Oculus

Same banners and signs as before. New leaflet that Stu did. No Facebook event for this. Last time without announcing it, we were able to do our thing. We need to remember we are doing it without their permission.

Vaccine action Friday, March 11, at 12 noon at the Stock Exchange (Wall St.)

Facebook event: I want People's Vaccine, not a profit vaccine

Passed 6M dead worldwide. Will be at a million soon in the U.S. 1/6 of deaths were in the U.S. This is one of 28 actions around the globe-International Day of Action. The pandemic is not over. Get rid of monopolies on vaccine. The world needs to come together to solve this problem. The speed with which the world came together to address Ukraine contrasts with what it has taken for them to cooperate on the pandemic.

There will be speakers and it will culminate with a die in at the end.

Would be great to get 10 people. Asking everyone to wear black. Using the tombstones for those participating in the die in. Could use a couple of people to marshal.

NYS Climate Budget action Monday, March 14, at 3 PM at 250 Broadway

Continuation of Hochel actions. Just look up, pay attention. We need to do something about it. We are taking it to legislative offices this time. Using the same Hochel message. We need \$15 billion right now. Anything else is equivalent to climate denial. The legislative budget comes out on Friday. Then negotiations will start between the legislature and the Governor

Next INDICT demo on Wed April 6, 1 PM Foley Sq.

Put it on your calendar to be done once a month. Tomorrow at Actions will discuss if we want to do a pop-up action in between the big actions. Jamie will be sending out emails about the pop ups. Things related to Trump have been going very slowly by Bragg/ James. We need to stay on this. We are following court appearances related to Trump and will try to show up for those.

Finance report and T-Shirt/Shopify discussion

Finance Report

As of the end of 2021, we had about \$18,000 in the bank. This represented a \$68 loss vs. year-end 2020 due to a year-end gift from A. J. Musty of \$1468. Based on some outstanding invoices due to be paid shortly, our estimated bank balance to-date is about \$16,500.

Shopify Discussion

Shopify, the RaR online store, is a money-losing operation. To-date in 2022, there has been \$26 in sales for one item that cost us \$13 to produce and was accompanied by \$63 in fees for a net loss of \$50 and this does not include a proportion of the annual fee which is several hundred dollars.

There are alternatives that have been successfully used for tee shirts and hats which do not involve a permanent marketplace. These include Tee public and Tee spring.

They print on demand. Have a wide selection of sizes and styles.

The only problem is that there is no real way to subsidize someone's tee shirt online.

There is a basic cost of production for each shirt—we set the price and pocket the difference.

Just need to set up an account with Tee Public or Tee Shirts.

Note that for the Fox action hats, Julie DeLaurier purchased 50 hats @ \$15 apiece and several of us brought them to Fox actions and asked for \$15 to cover the out-of-pocket costs. If someone wanted a hat and couldn't afford it, we gave them one, basically overcoming the problem of not being able to subsidize those who can't pay.

Shopify Vote: Voted to close the online store.

Report Backs

3/2 INDICT actions at Federal Courthouse and Bragg's office.

We stood in front of the Federal Courthouse; not a lot of people going in and out. We did a lot of chanting. About 20 of us showed up. Not a great place but the best place to protest the Feds. Sticking with Foley Square for now. A pop up at Trump Tower had more traffic; maybe do it as another pop up.

Following the Federal Courthouse action, we went to Bragg's office at 100 Centre St. Little signs made by Rick: D. A. Bragg showed some courage! Indict the Trumps. Police were very tolerant of our presence.

Status: The grand jury still has time to move this case forward, so we need to keep the pressure on.

3/4 Say Their Names - every Friday at 4:30PM at 96th & Broadway

Despite challenging weather conditions, within a few minutes, there were about 20-25 people at 4:30 pm. Remains a very powerful vigil. People keep dying. White supremacy has a resonance that is especially important now. It is clearly in a worldwide context with what's happening between Russia and Ukraine. Marshals with vests relieve some anxiety. People continue to be moved and annoyed. We are coming on to our second anniversary in late June/early July. The list of names has gotten very long. We have split it up and created handouts with photos and bios. It is 7 pages long; 3 columns.

Note: Shortly this action will move to a 5:30 start with daylight savings time.

3/5 Times Sq. Demonstration for Peace in Ukraine

There was an anti-war action at 3 pm called; also, there was a large 1 pm action full of Ukrainians with Ukrainian flags. The anti-war action didn't really come together. Rise and Resisters found one another and met on a corner and stood next to a Verizon store. There was a nuclear disarmament sign and an immigration sign about the U.S. accepting all refugees. The blue and yellow signs were great, and the messages were very clear. There was some tension with the pro-Ukraine people who got angry with the anti-war peace contingent. There was some concern that Russians had infiltrated the anti-war action.

NATO and the no-fly zone was the source of the biggest difference in opinion. We had a poster "No to a no-fly zone" which we didn't put up because we felt it would be too provocative. We held signs that were supportive and had a very clear peace message.

3/7 Blake Masters fundraiser action

Jamie thanked Karin for coming up with the name of the event: The Saddest Fundraiser Ever. First time we outnumbered the attendees. Karin did some chalking pointing to the restaurant. Expensive pathetic loser GOP Fundraiser arrow This way.

Alexis was doing a great job of telling people about who Blake Masters was. We knew what Blake Masters looked like and got a great photo of him entering the restaurant.

We emailed a press release to Arizona, and it was retweeted out to them. They will know they did a failed fundraiser in NY, and it was protested.

Julie communicated with some Arizona Indivisible groups and got some nice feedback.

3/8 Truth Tuesday at FOX every Tuesday at 12 noon 48th St.& 6th Ave.

Great spirit at this action. We had new people show up. Non-RaR people showed up. Putin Speaks Fox Repeats. Some great Putin signs. The action was particularly energetic.

3/8 Climate Action in Albany

Action by NY Renews—a coalition of 200 NYS organizations. Got the original bill passed and now want to get the funding. Get \$15 billion in the budget. We got 400 people to show up. Live and Stu were part of a CD element. 4 people including Stu and Livvie blocked a key door for 2 hours. It was the kind of CD where you didn't have to get arrested. Grant took the bus. Marched to Hochel's Mansion. Grant was impressed with the number of young people. Legislators and local group leaders spoke. It was a beautiful day in Albany!

Non-Rise and Resist Actions

Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire anniversary—Friday, March 25.

You sign up and do a chalking outside of where that person lived. For more information, go to: Ruth@streetpictures.org

Bill Hartman reported on several actions taking place in Philadelphia protesting the war in Ukraine.

Unprompted Discussion about Ukraine

An unprompted discussion about Ukraine emerged indicating there is still an appetite to discuss the tragic events unfolding in Ukraine. Below are some suggested articles from the chat on this topic.

This is a helpful Foreign Affairs analysis that makes clear that our anti-war activism will be needed for the long-term. The short answer to the title question is that even if Putin "loses," Russia will most likely remain a dangerous nuclear power. And, of course, our own state is a dangerous nuclear power. Foreign Affairs article:

https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/ukraine/2022-03-04/what-if-russia-loses?utm_source=packet-newtab

Noam Chomsky - always a good counter to any kind of nationalistic fervor - empathizes with Zelensky's call for a no-fly zone, even as he expresses that it would lead to disaster. Chomsky cites international law, international institutions, and diplomacy as the best means to mitigate harm to Ukraine and to address the broader crisis in this sober historical-geopolitical analysis.

<https://truthout.org/articles/noam-chomsky-a-no-fly-zone-over-ukraine-could-unleash-untold-violence/>

Groups that are committing to boycott: <https://www.boycottrussia.info/boycotted>

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/03/08/coca-cola-follows-mcdonalds-starbucks-in-suspending-business-in-russia.html> and

<https://som.yale.edu/story/2022/over-300-companies-have-withdrawn-russia-some-remain>