

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 9.26.2023

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Facilitators: Stu and Alexandra **Note Taker:** Sandy

GOOD NEWS

◇ Venezuelans granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and can get work permits.

◇ Writer's strike ending with a good settlement.

◇ Alabama case—Supreme Court rejected redistricting that did not allow for two African American congressional districts

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/09/26/politics/supreme-court-alabama-redistricting/index.html>

◇ Court taking away Trumps' control of property

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/day-after-judge-rules-trump-organization-attorneys-return/story?id=103526950>

◇ Watching Biden on the picket line

◇ Texas cannot enforce a new law that restricts some public drag shows, a federal judge said Tuesday in declaring the legislation unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner found Senate Bill 12 “impermissibly infringes on the First Amendment and chills free speech.” The struck-down law prohibited any performers from dancing suggestively or wearing certain prosthetics in front of children.

◇ Stu got an excellent letter published in the NY Times

UPCOMING ACTIONS

10.2 Monday, 8:30AM Trump Civil Trial begins at 60 Centre St. pending Appellate Court Ruling.

Same case about where Trump sued the judge and Tish James. The Tish James civil case begins in earnest on Monday about Trump's corrupt business practices.

10.2 Monday, 5PM **Rikers Action** at Times Square Subway Station.

10.5 Thursday, 10AM **End Solitary Rally** at City Hall

See emails from Donna and the minutes from last week's meeting for more details.

10.9 Monday, 3PM **join RAPP in tabling** at Staten Island Ferry Terminal—flyering will be inside the terminal on the Manhattan side

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10.5 Thursday, 5 pm--**Next Immigration Vigil** at Staten Island Ferry terminal

10.6 Friday at 5 pm, **Say Their Names** at 96th & Broadway

FINANCE REPORT

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9.19 Tuesday--**VID Gala** Report Back

Cite the reason for our award [get from Alvin] Honored John Notradam-Haitian who spent 26 years fighting to stay here in the U.S. RaR did an action supporting him.

Jamie spoke for us

Had an outburst of applause when we spoke about ousting Jay Jacobs. Below is a statement written by Livvie Mann which summarizes why we received this award.

Rise and Resist was born in 2016 in response to the appalling outcome of the presidential election. In a world that felt dangerously changed, experienced activists and people new to activism came together with a shared and urgent commitment to effecting positive change through direct action. We targeted the abuses and overreach of the Trump administration, rejecting its violence, bigotry, and systemic discrimination against people because of their disability, gender identify/expression, immigration status, race, religion, sex and sexuality. We quickly turned our attention to other, more local threats to democracy, such as the nefarious IDC, which we dedicated ourselves to bringing down. The world is constantly changing, and Rise and Resist broadens its focus as circumstances require. Currently we are using direct action and civil disobedience to address a range of issues including immigration, police brutality, accessibility, the climate crisis, nuclear disarmament, abortion access, health care, voting rights, decarceration, and Fox News propaganda.

As our mission statement says, "We work collaboratively, creatively, respectfully, and nonviolently with all the joy we can muster for the health of the people and the planet."

Brad Hoylman-Sigal meeting on 14th Amendment

Second meeting about invoking the 14th amendment.

They are working on a letter to the co-chairs of NYS Board of elections saying you have to implement the 14th.

Working with CREW and Lawrence Tribe, planning a press conference.

Two national groups filing lawsuits with Zephr Teachout, Civics and Ethics in Washington and some free speech groups. Petitions are being circulated in different states. Want to deliver to NYS Board of elections.

We would be the boots on the ground to deliver a petition in two or three weeks. Many moving parts but could have a press conference when state legislators announce their letter.

Debrief on Climate Week – discussion

Talked about climate last week but many key people were at the VID gala.

A remarkable week given all the actions and the march. Haven't seen such coverage.

So many young people including amazing high school students.

Week before and the day after there were a series of direct actions all over the city, mainly financial institutions plus the U.S. Open action. Action at MOMA protesting Kravis—private equity, big funder of fossil fuel projects. Many were arrested at MOMA at about 7 pm when they refused to leave. Blocked every entrance to Citibank and folks got arrested.

Estimated 75,000 marched on Sunday, Sept.17.

Monday, big civil disobedience at the Federal Reserve demanding that the Fed takes climate change into consideration when making decisions. 111 people got arrested. Generated a lot of publicity. BofA folks blocked the entrance on 42nd St and some got arrested.

RaR was involved in small ways in planning; part of it but not overall organizers.

Glad to have been a part of it and that so many people showed up to so many things and sustained the energy and the level of participation.

Role of Indigenous people—beautiful drumming, chanting, and saging. Very powerful.

Any opportunity to reflect on how the coalition events worked, media coverage, etc?

But, this was a coalition for climate week and there is no group to go back to.

The ask for the week was for Biden to declare a climate emergency and stop new fossil fuel infrastructure.

REPORT BACKS

9.21 Thursday--Immigration Vigil at SI Ferry Terminal

The action generated some interesting discussions. Was a decent turnout. Our focus was stop playing politics with asylum seekers. Some folks were very happy to see supporters after all the dissension on Staten Island. The new messaging brought up good conversations. The reaction on SI is so extreme that it's turning a lot of regular folks off. We were nervous before the action

began after the Gracy Mansion action. Jenny suggested we should be very centered and not talk so much because this is a vigil. More important than ever for us to show up for this issue.

9.22 Friday--Trump Court Case at 60 Centre St.

Really fun. Got there around 8:30 am and we were ready for them. Great messaging. Jamie had pictures so we could recognize our targets. Lots of yelling "It's not too late to change your mind."

Each of Trump's lawyers got fined \$7,500 apiece.

9.22 Friday-Say Their Names canceled due to Netanyahu demo at UN

9.22 Friday--Netanyahu demo at UN

An Ultra genocidal rage has been taking over in Israel. The ruthlessness and the cruelty that's going on in Palestine is important to remember. Total slaughter and wiping out of the land and the buildings and settlements is accelerating.

Dag Hammarskjold Plaza was location of the rally. Strong energy, passion. Turnout was a bit disappointing.

Wendy Wasdahl went to a bigger action earlier that was much more contentious and fractious. Had a pro-Palestinian group and then there were Jews for Democracy. A third group that was Hasidic (believe Israel is not a legal state). Everyone was waving Israeli flags.

Livvie recommends a novel that looks at Israel/Palestine: Apeirogon by Colum McCann

9.26 Tuesday--Fox Truth Tuesdays (every Tuesday at 12noon at 47th & 6th)

Vivian, Jenny, Vince and Julie held up for 20 minutes in the rain.

Non-Rise and Resist

9/21 action—EU mission **against Uganda violence** against LGBTQ

U.S. is condemning the law, World Bank is restricting lending

People are facing the death penalty for aggravated homosexuality

Good action, did a moving picket to avoid going into the pen

Expanding the Supreme Court—one group in Brooklyn is planning an action

11/27—Monday after Thanksgiving—**NYCAN giving a concert** at the Japan society based on the nuclear NYC map. The New Manhattan Project—a concert for nuclear abolition. Use link below to purchase tickets.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-new-manhattan-project-a-concert-for-nuclear-abolition-tickets-687439820007?aff=oddtcreator>

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