

Rise and Resist General Meeting 2.4.2020

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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** - Kellen and Jamie

Each week we will have a table for handouts at the meeting. You can bring anything to distribute from your Action or Working groups, or other materials of interest for RAR members.

The [meeting is listed on Facebook](#). Minutes will be taken and distributed via email. Anyone not yet on our email list can [sign up using this form](#).

REPORT BACKS

1/30 Immigration Vigil in Grand Central

Donna: well attended (50 or 60 people). Vigorous and good; no counter protesters;

People are very responsive at Grand Central

Next vigil: 2/13 5:30PM in the Oculus.

2/4 Pre- State of The Union address – Trump Tower

Jamie: Originally we were going out with an anti-war message. “Trump lies: democracy dies” was the new theme.

It was a FB event so there was a massive police presence, and they closed the sidewalk. But they were unable to arrest us at Trump Tower which is a public space. Then we did a moving picket after police said we were blocking the doors. We were able to block the doors in passing. Police did nothing because we knew our rights.

What was the effect of FB in terms of attendance? One effect was that about ½ of people were not RaR regulars.

UPCOMING ACTIONS

Climate Action Group – **Chase Bank pop-up demos**

Stu: A series of pop-up actions is planned around city on Saturdays

The next will be at **Sheridan Square 2/8 at noon**

Timothy reported he has closed his account at Chase.

In 3 Weeks it will be Chase Investor day. An action is being planned now with other groups. A gauntlet is planned. **383 Madison (at 47th). Tuesday, February 25 at 7:15 am.**

Chase has invested \$190b in fossil fuels, twice as much as the second highest bank.

There will be a big action on **Earth Day**.

Resurrect The Presidency: Sat. February 15 from 1 to 2:30 Washington Square Arch

Jay: The goal is to have it be fun and lighthearted with a serious theme

This will be co-sponsored with GAG and Sing Out Louise.

This Sunday will be a crafting day: information will be posted on FB and Twitter about location.

Send an email to Jayw.walker@gmail.com if interested in joining on craft day.

Spread the word to your friends.

Elections Committee report back

Livvie: Reviewed anti-IDC work, and positive results especially around criminal rights legislation.

Elections will be meeting every other week starting February 18 at an address nearby to here.

Goal for Elections Committee is to reorganize and start up again. Next Tuesday, Elections will make a full presentation.

Elections is in coalition with other groups ("Red to blue in Brooklyn" as they are working on this immediate election in PA on March 15.

- **Postcarding: 400 West 43rd Street, Ellington Suite: March 7, 2 to 4pm**
- **Action planned for a district in PA on March 15**

Long term plans: work in NY state to develop a super majority of Democrats.

Jamie: Judith Butler, feminist scholar, will speak at TPF this Friday, February 7 at 6:00 pm.

Jamie and Justin Hendricks of Move On: Final calls for tomorrow's THE GOP DESTROYS DEMOCRACY demo (**5:30 in Columbus Circle**). 1000 + are expected.

No speakers planned

Initial plan discussed.

- Many signs available
- Huge sign: WE SAY GUILTY
- 200 13 x 19" posters
- Posters of all the Republican senators have been made and will be provided.

Possible that police could close off the island, though other protestors have been permitted in the past.

- Tom, Stu, Leon will be leading the marshals, and will arrive at 4:30
 - Determine what the boundaries of the action are
 - Help people participate in the action safely.
 - RaR and Justin's group are both calling on marshals.
- Three roles
 - Marshaling: Tom, Stu, Leon: start at 4:30: bring a yellow/reflective vest
 - People who risk arrest
 - Support: Eve and Cherie are leading support
- There may be a march; walking on 57th Street was recommended: it will depend on what the climate is.
 - Possibly march to 5th Ave and past Trump Tower.

- Chants planned: Jamie and Justin will bring chants.
- We have done outreach to By the People, and Indivisible and various other groups
- Discussion of trolls; not a major threat because of numbers, but the trolls have gotten much more aggressive.
- National Lawyers Guild was contacted today; may be present

Discussion of visibility opportunities for video coverage

- Museum of Art and Design may offer visibility

Endorsement of RAPP action (Releasing Aging People in Prisons)

Donna: Discussed a letter in favor of two bills. She discussed their rationales. While prison population is decreasing, the number of aging prisoners is increasing; One bill focuses on the option of parole after 15 years of incarceration; the other focuses on parole for elders who were not granted the option of parole at all.

- Fair and timely parole
- Elder parole
 - Some people don't have the option of parole

RaR membership voted to sign the letter in favor of these two bills

In collaboration with Cosecha: No Business with ICE action Sunday 2/16; 3 pm to 6 pm – Start at NY Public Library (5th Ave and 42nd Street) and go from there to a company that has a contract with ICE

Andy: we work with many groups: New Sanctuary has endorsed, Mi Gente supports, Close the Camps; environmental groups, tech groups (Tech Workers Coalition)

- Specifics were discussed
- Media build in preparation
- Ongoing trainings: **Digital training on 2/6**: Andy will send information around
- Will be boosted by social media

RaR membership voted to endorse this action.

FINANCE

Rob: We have \$15,200 in the bank, which is an increase of \$800 from last week; \$126 collected tonight

NON RISE AND RESIST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Uriel Perez: **Alliance for Fair Food** uriel@allianceforfairfood.org

Action: **March 10-12 ;100 farmworkers and their families will be marching 10 miles daily.** Focus on Wendy's which has refused to support farmworkers. Head of Wendy's advises Trump.

Demands:

- legally binding agreement to not buy from locations that engage in gender-based violence, and modern day slavery.
- 1 cent more per tomato

Request for **RaR to support with solidarity: March 12 4 to 7 pm. Union Square Park**

RaR membership voted to endorse this action.

Thursday, 2/7 at 7 pm Verso Books: DUMBO Andy: Abortion group is organizing around TRAP Provisions: a supreme court case that is limiting clinics' ability to perform abortions. Goal to burden clinics with multiple different initiatives to limit abortion access.

Miscellaneous

Mary H: If you use little used RaR email addresses, let her know. Each address costs money, and we can save by using less.

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