

## Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 5.19.2020

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**Notes** - Livvie **Facilitators** - Stu, Elka and Jamie **ASL Signer** - Elizabeth

The meeting started at 7:05 to give people time to holler and bang pots. 40 people attending

### Expand Meeting To 9:30

Ray proposed it last week, discussion continued this week. Discussion was mixed. Most people felt that a longer meeting was more than they could handle.

**VOTE: Majority wants to end meetings at 9:00**

### Post Office Actions

Rob - did action last Wednesday with posters and banner. **Tomorrow, Wednesday, 2:30, at Radio City post office.** May have room for others - email Rob for details. Will be passing banner to a Brooklyn group. Their Website is almost done, they're working on stickers. Want to take the action to Queens as well and want suggestions.

**VOTE: Request for \$200 for stickers APPROVED.**

### West Point Commencement

Jamie - We want to stop the commencement because no other school in NYS is allowed to have graduations. No one is responding to efforts to get traction. Reporters haven't asked Cuomo about the violation of Pause Orders because he has no control over it, it's military. West Point graduation definitely happening — cadets return June 1 for 14 days quarantine, then they are props for trump Saturday June 13th, noon, 100 West Point Highway. Discussion will continue next week.

### Social Distancing Guidelines

Jamie - Guidelines were posted on screen for discussion. Q: how to deal with being approached by disturbed/needy people? How to be kind and healthy at the same time? Jamie will make small amendments.

**VOTE: Unanimous. Accept guidelines** with small amendments to come.

### **Web Doc for Actions**

Elka will continue to update the Doc. Go to this link

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecP1AJtNM04z2T3U3rutF4dlhPIOAQLqS1B2n2k\\_g3h0Nlwg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecP1AJtNM04z2T3U3rutF4dlhPIOAQLqS1B2n2k_g3h0Nlwg/viewform) for the form where you can list actions. Doc is also available on front page of [riseandresist.org](http://riseandresist.org) Click on *RaR Covid-19 Direct Action Hub*

### **ERT**

Wrolf- ERT voted to sign the letter to Common Cause letter asking corporate donors to break ties with heinous ALEC. Letter here:

<https://www.commoncause.org/resource/coalition-letters-to-alec-corporate-funders/>

### **Schenectady Support Run**

Elka - Precinct to precinct. Friday, May 22 at 5:00. Details on RaR FB page. Or [Elka@Elka.net](mailto:Elka@Elka.net)

### **State Budget Update**

Mark - Cuomo didn't announce cuts as expected. Budget guy has frozen spending. \$1T Stim bill for cities and states still has to pass the US Senate. NY Medicaid allotment may go up to 56%. The Senate will reconvene remotely next week. Will have a package of Covid bills. Supposedly have already gotten agreement w/Senate, but the Assembly doesn't have plans to reconvene, but at some point they'll have to start. Comptroller report: State will fall short by \$64B over a few years, at least \$10 B this year.

Do now: we need to keep a constant drumbeat of pressure on electeds to tax the rich by calling reps, emailing, amplifying on social media. <https://www.nybudgetjustice.com/> for more info.

### **Healthcare**

Ann Rubin - There is a Campaign for NY Health led social media action tomorrow for universal healthcare for all/the NY Health Act. Here's the social media kit. It's tomorrow at 12-1:

[https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1cKCqwD-AcatNnShr-h1H1PFyy3FLaTOEHAKku6NTP\\_h0/mobilebasic](https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1cKCqwD-AcatNnShr-h1H1PFyy3FLaTOEHAKku6NTP_h0/mobilebasic). Q: what about gays giving blood? What about composting? Program is slated to be cut City Council on Composting

<https://gothamist.com/news/new-city-council-bills-would-bring-back-composting-drop-sites>

### **Volunteers to take notes.**

Alexandra - asked and received volunteers.

### **Criminal Justice Involvement**

Donna - would like RaR to do political work on issues (bail, incarceration, policing, etc.)

Particularly getting vulnerable people out of jail in light of Covid dangers. She wants to form a working group around that, and decided that they are now an official working group.

**VOTE: to endorse RaR support of RAPP campaign to release prisoners. Approved.**

## **Climate Reports**

**Chase Action:** Stop the money Pipeline - video of projections on Jamie Dimon's building. Watch here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OIfKjSg61dKWTICT8rXrznwQQEc-CYq/view>

**Adani/Marsh** virtual rally against insuring International, effective. A model for the future

**BlackRock Action:** Virtual action 1:00 Wednesday, May 20. Link to Zoom

<http://ow.ly/X6rX50zyPdN>

**Williams Pipeline:** SANE and local groups finally got it stopped.

**North Brooklyn Pipeline:** Work is starting up again. SANE is trying to figure out how to safely protest.

## **Reclaim Pride**

Jackie - Reclaim Pride is inviting people to join in the march June 28 which will be livestreamed and captured on video. Theme: Police and Incarceration. Asking RaR to either do their own thing or join Reclaim Pride activities. Not clear what the street scene will be on June 28 but are being careful and planning for every scenario. Actions will discuss and decide what to do.

## **Finance -**

No report, but we still have money.

## **Merch**

Dann - New shirts for sale. <https://store.riseandresist.org/collections/new-arrivals>

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