

Rise and Resist General Meeting - Zoom Edition - 2.21.2023

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- Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom meeting click [here](#).

Facilitators: Jennifer and Jay **Notes:** Wendy 25 in attendance

GOOD NEWS!

- New York State Senate rejects LaSalle for chief judge in a 39-20 vote.
- The truth comes out about FOX and the Dominion voting machine story.
- Bannon's lawyers are suing for \$450,000 in unpaid legal fees.
- Georgia grand jury update: When asked if the special purpose grand jury recommended indicting Trump, the foreperson said, "You're not going to be shocked. It's not rocket science."

UPCOMING ACTIONS

There are several drag story hour defense actions coming up. If you want to be notified and aren't already on the list, let Jamie know.

Thursday, Feb. 23 - The Immigration Vigil will be held at 5 PM in Grand Central Terminal. People are encouraged to come. The more signs and pictures we can put out, the better. Discussion held about messaging. People have a right to migrate and seek asylum and that's being denied by Scotus and the Biden administration. People are being forced to wait for their asylum hearing in other countries, which is a contradiction because the request for asylum is based on the danger of the situation they are in, plus U.S. law says they must be in the U.S. to apply.

Also **Thursday, Feb. 23** - 11 AM outside Hochul's office, SAFETY MEANS INVESTMENT, VOCAL, NYCC, Housing for Justice for All are pushing back on police budget.

Friday, Feb. 25 - [DSA action against Adams austerity budget](#).

Tuesday, Feb. 28 - Bannon has a court date at 100 Centre St. He's trying to change his lawyers (not the ones he hasn't paid.) We might want to add a sign about the payment issue. Meet at 8:15 AM, court opens at 9 AM.

Wednesday, March 1 - 9 AM rally on City Hall steps, followed by 10 AM City Council hearing on the NYPD's Strategic Response Group. This hearing had been postponed twice because SRG wouldn't show up for earlier dates. The NYCLU got a commitment that the hearing will proceed whether or not the cops participate. Stu adds that SRG is expanding its mandate to be deployed in precincts around the city. To sign up to testify, [click here](#).

Monday, March 6 - Rikers vigil is now the 1st Monday of every month. 5 PM in the Times Square subway station, in the concourse as you approach the shuttle. Related: orientations to decarceration groups:

- Thursday, Feb. 23, 6 PM. [Join a zoom orientation for RAPP \(Release Aging People in Prison\)](#)
- Monday, Feb. 23, 6 PM. [Intro to Freedom Agenda](#).

Friday, March 10 - Roger Stone will attend the Trumpist New York Young Republicans Club. More details to follow.

Wednesday, March 29 - The Elevator Action Group reports that an MTA board meeting protest/rally is in planning stages. Jennifer proposes spending \$300 instead of usual \$200 on posters for actions. Will come back with further details. Jennifer also mentions a noon rally tomorrow at Pershing Square, where the Rider's Alliance will call on Gov. Hochul to invest in frequency of transportation which is an accessibility issue too (if, for instance, there are only two spaces for disabled people on a bus and the buses take 35 minutes to arrive, it's very problematic.) The EAG signed onto a letter of support on behalf of Rise and Resist.

Several climate actions:

- **Thursday, Feb. 23:** Extinction Rebellion will be interrupting Citibank recruiting at NYU.
- **Friday, Feb. 24:** A colorful, kid-friendly action taking place at 1271 6th Ave at noon, calling on AIG to stop insuring fossil fuel projects.
- **Tuesday, March 21** - Major climate action starts at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza - 47th and 2nd, sponsored by Third Act.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE- Still strategizing over Jay Jacobs, and reaching out to other groups to diversify the voices. Elections meetings are on Wednesdays at 5 PM.

RISE AND RESIST EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

New name is Strategic Response Team.

ERT was a 7-member group created to deal with urgent-seeming issues that came up between meetings. It originally approved all letters, which was too much, so letter-signing approval was turned over to the working groups. Since that, it hasn't been consulted for years and only two RAR active people are now involved. It came up because we needed approval of \$900 for the video truck for the Fox protest this week, so Livvie reached out to ERT. ERT approved the budget, but it raised the issue of who should be on ERT and how it should function.

- We decided on five team members, with three needed for approval. Members are Rick, Sandy, Wendy, Livvie, and Susan.
- Per our procedures, we re-voted on the \$900 budget approved by ERT, with 17 votes in favor, no opposed or abstaining.

REPORT BACKS

Friday, Feb. 17 - Say Their Names canceled due to rain. Join an upcoming Say Their Names action any Friday at 4:30 PM on 96th/Broadway.

Monday, Feb. 20 - Indict Presidents' Day pop-up at Central Park and 60th St. It was suggested by Jennie. Lots of positive responses on a nice day. No negativity. Kim did chalking and read out the indictments list. Ja

Tuesday, Feb. 21 - Big Truth Tuesday/FOX action with emphasis on Dominion suit with 30 participants taking up the whole plaza, plus an appearance by the special video truck mentioned above. (We watched the video for the truck that was created by Jonathan with Julie's signage.) The truck's generator broke down after a few minutes, so we got our \$900 refunded. The video Julie got of the truck and posted on TikTok during the time it was working currently has 5K likes, 500 comments that are more positive than usual, so we got a lot of bang for no bucks. The group is enthused about doing the truck again.

- New chant was "Fox knew and lied to you."
- Some participants were newcomers via Twitter.

Discussion about when to use truck again. Jackie points out that we have the money in general, plus we got a refund. Most people want to do the truck sooner rather than later. Julie definitely wants to do it in April when the Dominion lawsuit is set to go to trial.

Other discussion: Jennie proposes we hold MSNBC accountable for never covering the protest. Jay suggests we prepare for press around our two-year anniversary (August 24.)

NON RAR REPORT BACK

Two drag story hours

Thursday, Feb. 16 - at E. 79th St. NYPL

Tuesday, Feb. 21 - at Elmhurst QPL

Robert said 79th St was a challenge. Right wing was foul-mouthed and our allies spent time taunting police, meaning our presence was important as a calming element. RAR members

stayed until the performer left. Jennie was surprised at the number of people who stopped by and asked for an explanation. One woman Jennie spoke to said she was 80 and had had a daughter later in life. The daughter excelled at everything, got married, had two children, and at 42 discovered she was trans. The woman said, "I am so sad that this is the time she has found that out and this is what is happening. Thank you [for being here.]"

Elmhurst action was much more peaceful. Jackie said Jamie was excellent (as usual) at talking our way out of the pen the police set up for us.

NON RAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 5 - St. Pats For All celebration with NYCAN and GAG:

<https://www.stpatsforall.org>

Everyone agrees that this is a very fun St. Patrick's Day event attended by a lot of politicians and therefore good for birddogging.

Meet 11:30 AM

Starts 12 noon 43rd St. & Skillman Ave.

R train to 36th St.

7 train to 40 St. Lowery St.

Ends 58th St. & Woodside Ave.

This Saturday, Feb. 25 - Queer Liberation March townhall from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM at LGBT center on W 13th Street

Saturday, March 4 - Abortion clinic defense in Soho is the first Saturday of every month. Next Tuesday, one of the organizers of NYC for Abortion Rights will join this call to answer questions.

Wednesday March 15 - Hochul is one of the honorees at the celebration of women evening at the Met Museum for possible birddogging.

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