10.23.18 RAR TUESDAY GENERAL MEETING

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Agenda

I. Welcome

II. Greeter-
REPORT BACKS

Trans and GNC (gender non conforming) Rights Rally
10/22/18
Alexis
Wonderfully attended by 300 people, wonderful and obnoxious signs, good speakers, in response to leaked Trump memo that people should be defined by binaries of male and female. A sign of fascism.

Another rally at City Hall Steps at 11 am Weds October 24
Event was endorsed by RaR.

Jackson Heights Solidarity Network Rally
10/18/18
Mel, Bill, Jody
Stand Up Queens
Petition to Schumer to abolish ICE
Various people spoke: including Mexican immigrant and his wife talking about children becoming fearful and panicked.
Impact on children and discrimination against them even if they are not documented.
Ellen Witt: long time immigrant rights activist: there is a lot of money in ICE and a lot of support for ICE across the country
Strategies/proposals: No part of our pensions (1199 for example) should go into any corporations that support ICE

**Andrew Kearse**
Elke
Reported history
Angie Kearse is his widow; she has an attorney

Atty General was appointed as Prosecutor
Schenectady Police Dept.
Grand Jury has thrown out the case:
“We are urging crucial reforms.”
Andrew cried 70 times “I can’t breathe”. Officer trained to believe that if a person can speak, he can breathe. Policeman would not open car window b/c afraid Kearse would escape though he was in handcuffs. No protocol for how police cope with medical emergency
Many attempts to get attention for this case.

**Suggestion:**
approach Ron Kuby;
Civil suit
“Andrew’s Law” has been proposed
Schenectady Police Dept. is not accredited by State of NY
Political issue: Grand juries do what prosecutors want
This is happening over and over in the deaf community; terrible communication breakdown, no special accommodations made. $700,000 awarded for one family

A tree was planted, a plaque is proposed in bronze; date for gathering proposed for November 11

*There will be strategy meeting:*

**Elections**
Livvie
Is focussing on State Races: goal is to move forward to make sure that bills that have been held in committee get to floor and passed.
Busses going up to canvas

**Check RaR Elections NY City based actions list for up to date info:**
makenytrueblue.org/hub, click on NYC-based events to find event info

**Postcard parties**
Weds at Claire’s
Thursday at Livvy’s
Friday at Betsy’s
What about after the election?
Plans for regular meetings in Albany with legislators, and with Cuomo.  
Nov. to Jan.: there will be a period of planning and review of legislation.  

**Protest outside Marty Golden’s (Republican State Senator) office in response to Proud Boys’ violent action**  
Eve  
Demand that Golden fire the staff member who endorsed the Proud Boys was sent to his office.  
**Andrew Gounardis is running against Marty Golden**

**Elevator Action Group**  
**Jennifer**  
9 AM action by RaR allies and coalition at monthly MTA meeting  
To make proposal to elevator reform legally binding  
Tuesday, October 30 9 AM Rally  
60 Center Street

Monica Bartley (Center for Independence for disabled in NY)  
CIDNY wants people to do surveys at polling sites on Election Day Tues Nov 6 to find out people’s responses to MTA and accessibility

**Baby Trump**  
Saturday October 27 12 to 2  
Wrolf: wrolf@wrolf.net  
**Impeachment parade** at Battery Park to 40 Wall Street featuring Baby Trump balloon as used in London  
Organized by People’s Motorcade; Bedminster resisters for the past year  
Speakers will talk focus on impeachment  
Discussion pro and con:  
**Action was endorsed by RaR**

**Marshalls:**

**Halloween**  
GAG, Sing out Louise is doing Russian Robots  
Russian Robot making party Saturday 10/27 time TBD  
Gathering place and time:

**Fundraising**  
Dann and Diane L discussed a fundraising 2019 calendar. 50 will be available in November at $20 each.  
Diane will donate $200 to cost ($8 each)  
$200 requested, worst case scenario make back $200; best: net $800  
**RaR 2019 calendars were endorsed.**
Finance Report
Net worth: $8900, $160 collected tonight.
Request: to rent PO Box: for $112 pa
**RaR approved the RaR PO Box**

**Read and Resist**
Andy
Likely November 25 (last Sunday in November)
Readandresist.org
Book will be on Trans rights: several books recommended and memo will be sent around.
Part of a fascist strategy to go after minority populations

**Comms**
**Facebook page:**
GOBK page is much more accessible; can RaR FB page be more so?

**Membership:**
Can we reach out to members and tell them about our new location?
Andy: recommends waiting till after the election

**Location:**
**320 West 37 at the People’s Forum** is our new home for General Meeting
Some have had problems knowing this.

Video shown about Postcards

**Medical negligence case went to court**
Mark M and two others testified against Dr. who lied.
Decision to come down in March and April
Cosmetic surgeons regularly turn down patients

**Social and economic justice committee of Citizen Action of NY**
Marguerite Frarey Chair
Committee Meeting 7:30 to 9:30 UAW office 256 West 38th St 12th floor
Legalize marijuana
Gets people out of jail
Diversified industry
½ of revenue goes to communities impacted by war on drugs

**Domestic Violence Awareness Buddhist Awareness Action Coalition**
Stu
Monday Oct 29 7 to 9
320 East 39th Zen Buddhist Center

Am. Museum of Natural History  Saturday 1 to 2 pm
Goal to remove Mercer
Revolting Lesbians

ERT Emergency Response Team; 7 members
Claire
RaR was collaborating with others when this action popped up. Saturday October 19
Asked to sponsor a protest against Marty Golden (staffer who is tight with Proud Boys);
Approved by ERT.

Women’s March on the Pentagon over weekend of October 20/21 - video of speakers from past weekend! Wow!

Matt Bralow - runs
http://soo.gd/nycactivismcalendar
http://is.gd/bestideas4nyc
Needs help on initiatives!

Puerto Rican Tribunal - Needs support & outreach!
10/27/18 Holyrood Episcopal Church / Iglesia Santa Cruz 9 to 5
https://www.facebook.com/events/222592841680891/

Big Apple Coffee Party
Alternative Media Report: indy media lists best sources

Dr. William Barbour and Alexandria Ocasio Cortez
will be speaking on Tuesday October 30 at 6:45 at John Jay 524 West 59

Show on rape in Shiva gallery
Elke said it is excellent
John Jay
Weds October 25 at 6:30