RAR General Meeting Minutes 3/12/19

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● Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm at the People’s Forum, 320 W 37th St, New York, NY 10018

Facilitators: Jody and John
Greeter: Paul
Notes: Nilber
Slides: Martin

(10) Welcome (NYPD, Journalists, Get off your phone, Step Up/Step Back, Raise your hand and give Name & Pronouns, Mission Statement, Metro Cards)
(5) Everyone says their name [New Intro]
Introduce greeter and Elizabeth the ASL translator

Report Backs

(5) Charter Commission
Maureen Report Back

Well attended - Packed house
Elected Civilian Review Board - Police Accountability (Currently appointed by Mayor, Police Commissioner, City Council)
https://www.stoppoliceviolencenyc.org/
Support from multiple organizations

Upcoming Actions
(10) Elevators-Courthouse Rally Thursday, March 14, 9AM at 60 Centre St.
and update on subway renovation ruling ERT Vote

Judge Rules MTA Should Have Installed Elevators When It Renovated Bronx Subway Station
Court Ruled Against MTA - Renovations must include installation of elevator (regardless of cost unless unfeasible). Bronx Station Renovation without Elevator

Loopholes: What constitutes renovation? Definition of what is unfeasible?
Civil Rights Case Filed Against MTA - Violation of civil rights system-wide. Rally 9AM 3/14/19 - Prior to Hearing - Includes Coalition of Orgs

ERT - [Rally Posted prior to vote through ERT] GM Endorsement: Vote Endorsed

Friday UAW, 6:30P-8:30P 3/15/19 - Postcard Party - Send to NY Legislators, MTA Board

(5) Trump Is The Emergency, Immigrants Are Not The Enemy Thursday, March 14-Oculus at 5:30PM

(5) Koch Lies The Planet Dies - Sunday, March 24 1PM at Met Museum Koch Plaza

**Climate Action Group - Claire**
Messages: Calling out Climate Denial (Koch support of narrative/media). Calling for Aggressive Policy Implementation - ‘Climate Emergency’
Logistics - Posters / Lighted Signs - No Banner(s)

Org Co-Sponsors - 350 & Food Watch

Martin Suggestion: Press Release. Claire drafting release
Mark Suggestion : Handing out leaflet? - CAG Drafting Flyer to distribute - Call for Govt Reps
Elza Suggestion: Student Strike / XR Event - RaR/CAG to distribute Flyers

Suggestion: Rise and Resist Palm Cards to HandOut - Paul will bring to CAG

**Rally at Castle Bridge School**
Protest at School - ICE parked next to school - Teachers spoke to ICE and ICE left - with Lori and Mel [Find Arx]
Created song for Patricia Okoumou

(10) Nation magazine article on DHS Surveillance of NYC activist groups-NBC San Diego expose of secret list of journalists and activists at the border.

Monitoring through FB Events - Platform for promotion vs surveillance/monitoring (COINTELPRO legacy)
Recog. of caution - focus on messaging
Potential for disruption, infiltration, cause conflict

Jackie Suggestion: Greater moderation on RaR Page/Discussion - Block users and comment deletion
John Response: FB is moderated according to RaR guidance/policies. Have RaR members report/flag offensive/disruptive comments

Andy Media Group ReportBack
- Intel collected based on info RaR publicized deliberately - Publicly available info. Acknowledge lack of info security - RaR Events receive media attention, heavily photographed - caution for undocumented persons, persons with records

Elka Suggestion: Training assistance for securing/protecting communications, platforms. Protecting sensitive communications with those in precarious positions (across the border). Guidelines for engaging/addressing infiltrators/provocateurs at events.


Alexis Suggestion: Organizing openly and democratically. Non-violent ethos, Avoid paranoia. Actions not about CD, but open resistance

Paul Suggestion: Ran information security workshops.
Rick Suggestion: Not Tag Individual names on Event Media.
John Response: Media Group does not tag individuals. RaR members not tag individuals’

Suggestion: Use Generational, ‘institutional’ activist knowledge, judgment to spot law enforcement/infiltrators


Jackie: Here to Resist Openly and Fuck Things Up

Picture Justice Program (Students at Voyages Prep College) under PROOF Exhibition at PROOF Studios
Inviting RaR Members to be subjects of exhibition
Theme Youth Engagement & Social Change Movements

(20) New Actions
*Impeach Action at Trump Tower (Highlight 7 Trump Employees on Nadler's document request list).
"Revised messaging for Seeking Asylum Is Not A Crime actions

Gerard Nadler - Podcast
Sent 81 dox requests for 7 individuals from testimony
Address crimes committed by Trump - Southern NY DA
Proposing Thurs 3/21/19. 1PM
MSM - Impeach Trump Now - The Atlantic

Sponsorship Vote - Sponsorship Passed
Funding Vote - Passed
Budget
$500 - Protest Materials & Shipping. For future use as well
Impeach Trump Banner
Signs/Posters on Trump Employees & Trump Crimes

Mark Suggestion: Framing of Trump Org as Criminal Enterprise
Jamie Response: Employees being called out. Covering Up Trump. Messaging on Impeachment

Question on Location Situation:
Jamie: Funky with Police Pens, RaR Funky with Response

Actions Group
Donna, Jackie, Mark
Seeking Asylum Actions Messaging Updating
Broaden Focus on Immigration Issues
New Message - ‘Our Immigration Policy is a Crime’ - New Banner, Signs,

Open Floor to Rephrasing Message
US Immigration Policy is a Crime.
Trump’s Immigration Policy is a Crime.
Consider length of Banner Message.

Temp of Room - Straw Poll Vote (non-binding vote)
Our - 14
US - Majority of Room
Trump - 5

Sponsorship Vote for Funding: $500 - PASSED
New Banner
Friday 3/29/19 5:30PM Seeking Asylum is a Crime Action - New Venue
Times Square Army Recruiting Station (?)

(5) Update and Support for Patricia Okoumou (3/19 Sentencing)
Elka part of RaR Committee supporting Patricia.
8AM 3/19/19
Rally support at sentencing.
RaR Committee drafting position statement for media. Ask for Speaker - Contact Elka or Donna

If she shows she’s actively seeking employment - leniency on sentencing
*Form* to Fill out
(3/15/19 - Pre-Sentencing Meeting)
Patricia under house arrest. Few months jail, year probation

Rick Suggestion: Places of employment - Brooklyn Boulders
Donna Question: Show Applying for Jobs or Need to receive job offers?

Suggestion: For Medicaid recipients eligible for In-Home Supportive Services - Patricia can be offered.

Elka Question: Can Patricia be offered a job through RaR? Response: No
Ann: Spread the word through PPC for job openings

(10) Healthcare- Poor People's Campaign at Wall St. on March 18 at Noon
Mark, Ann

State Budget Proposals

True Blue Coalition
Tax Revenue Proposal - Raising taxes to fund health care, edu, social services, PT
Fair Elections Proposal - Campaign Finance Reform - Small donor matching system, etc

VOCAL, WFP - undertaking actions this week
Zephyr Teachout, Chair of Elections Committee - Mass mobilization call - Get Link (?)

In-person mobilization 3/16/19 Saturday

**Fight Poverty Not the Poor NYC Action**
Raising awareness on State Budget Impact
Housing Schools, Social Services

Campaign has 20x30 Fabric Banners - need materials to drape or attach posters for picketing

TPF Planning Meeting & Art Build
11A-2P 3/15/19
3/18/19 PPC Marshal Training

**Ask for RaR Endorsement: Vote - PASSED**

(5) [Drop Fox](#) demo March 13 at 11AM at FOX 1211 6th Ave.

Emergency Meeting with Advertisers to address concerns
Coalition led by Media Matters

(5) [UARAF March Against Racism and Fascism March](#) 16 Noon at Foley Sq.

Kick-off event UARAF
UN Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

(5) Comms

(5) Finance
$15,500
No change in finances from previous week
Collected $130
$1700 Grant - Must spend within 3 ½ months

(10) Non Rise and Reslst actions and announcements

Donna
[End Endless US Wars](#)
Anniversary of the Invasion of Iraq
3/19/19

Elka
5/11/17 anniversary of killing by police - Angie’s Husband (?)

Tim
SAGE - Meeting with Health Committees of Congress
Call for issues to relay to members of Congress - timothync4@gmail.com

[NYU Climate Strike](#)

[Annual Rally for Abortion Rights](#)
NYC for Abortion Rights
Reproductive Health Act Passage (RHA)