Rise and Resist Contact Information

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- Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom meeting click here

Notes - Jamie
Facilitators - Sandy, Paul, and Kellen
ASL Signer - Elizabeth

Here is our Direct Action Hub Spreadsheet

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

REPORT BACKS
Rick showed the banner pictures of the “Trump Lies People Die” banner as modified to show the number of deaths.

SCOTUS action 5/12/2020 - Jamie, Rick, and Zack presented the small demo at the Federal Courts and 40 Center Street.

Post Office Actions - Elka, Cherie and Robert presented - The banner reads “SAVE THE POST OFFICE/PROTECT VOTE BY MAIL” and they held it at the main Post Office - and they chalked up the whole street with the chalk “stamps” on the sidewalk. The stamps read “#USPS ESSENTIAL FOREVER”. Good response from Postal workers - who said they’d heard about it from other workers at other postal offices.

Karin said to carry chalk and stop and write at every mail box/relay box on your way. Jenny said that it is a clear and lovely action - should do a video showing different people chalking and doing it.

There is a Postcard Campaign, with both regular post cards and potentially a postcard website that automatically sends them out at $1.50 per card. Also maybe a tool kit with PDFs. The Objective is to hit all 50 states. The group asked for $200 for postcards. VOTE PASSED
Donna talked about **RAR supporting groups that do political work around criminal justice issues.** She would like RAR to work with RAPP, VOCAL, Halt Solitary, Center For Community Alternatives, and Just USA.

- We need to educate ourselves, which we can do by having speakers, attending their Zoom meetings, or watching videos online.

Donna would like to **form a subcommittee**, and would like to be able to sign us onto letters, and to endorse campaigns and discuss them during the regular part of the meetings.

- **Mary** suggested using the same method that Elections uses with True Blue.

- **Elka** asked whether the [google spreadsheet](#) is being used because some of the campaigns are on the spreadsheet.

- **Jennifer B.** volunteered to help Donna organize.

**Ray** suggested expanding the meeting length on Zoom and going to 9:30 pm. About a dozen people are interested.

Is it OK to **sign letters for RAR** and bypass ERT blanket signing privileges. **VOTE PASSED** but there was some concern so we will revisit to hear concerns of abstainers.

Donna would like help at [donnegould@earthlink.net](mailto:donnegould@earthlink.net)

**RE: VOCAL’s Thursday afternoon meetings** - it’s their weekly townhall. So far they’re saying it’s at 4 pm this week: **Thursday 5/14 @ 4PM**: Membership Town Hall on NYC Budget Register Here. Contact: Nick [nick@vocal-ny.org](mailto:nick@vocal-ny.org)

**Dann** spoke about **Masks.**

3 Ply cotton mask with “Trump=Death” and “Trump Lies People Die”

$350 for 50 masks passes with Dann taking charge of mailing them out only for shipping costs **VOTE PASSED**

Mark Hannay - **Healthcare Action Group**

Campaign for NY Health - promoting the universal / single payer bill holding an [online virtual rally](#).

Ask for RAR to endorse - FB event link. No responsibility other than promoting the event. Next **Wednesday, May 20 at 12noon. MOTION TO ENDORSE PASSES**

- **Action plans** around what has happened to hospitals in NYC - 0% surge capacity especially in outer boroughs / low income communities. Frontline healthcare providers are still not getting all the gear needed and there are no guidelines / standards for what is required - including janitorial staff and aides.
• Look at Cuomo and what is going on with Medicaid and the federal COVID-19 bills. Especially issues around long term home care vs. nursing homes.

• https://www.facebook.com/events/s/virtual-rally-for-universal-gu/607965283141078/

Cherie presented for the Climate Action Group - part of the Stop The Money Pipeline Coalition - going after the Marsh Insurance Company which is the insurance underwriter of the Adani Coal Mine - would be the biggest coal mine in Australian history - the government approved it but if it can’t get insurance for construction and operation then they can’t build it. Online rally - if you want to go on to the rally - Monday, May 18, 8PM. https://m.facebook.com/unfriendfossilfuels/photos/gm.651165399060088/3085238424871495/?type=3&source=44

• Marsh is reviewing their coal policies - so this is timely.

Finance - Susan Lee presented - they are working on filing all the regular forms.

NON RISE AND RESIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elka, Angie - this Friday there will be a run in Schenectady part of #RunWithMaud - Elka would like to represent RAR in NYC in a support run. VOTE TO ENDORSE PASSED

Jim - Budget cuts in the city and the state - wants some Tax The Rich actions.

Katrina - save the date - Wed May 20 5-6PM Coalition for the Homeless will be having a zoom memorial service for homeless people and their caretakers who died from COVID-19. FB event isn’t up yet. Go to homepage for more information

Suggested that we vote on Ray’s proposal to extend the meeting - unclear vote - put off to next week.

Meeting ended at 9PM.

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