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Facilitators: Karin and Stu  Notes: Alex

If you want to donate to RAR: https://www.riseandresist.org/donate

New process for non RAR announcements or to put other things on the agenda: Use rar.facilitation@gmail.com before 3PM on Monday!

Good News!
● The truth keeps coming out about FOX and the Dominion voting machine story and the trial has not even started.
● Rupert Murdoch had to admit to his involvement (sort of).
● RaR actions have been covered in the NY Times, Washington Post, LA Times, Guardian, German papers, NBC. Rise and Resist’s name has been mentioned in a couple of news sources.
● Jackie: This news is still hot and is building. Massive coverage today.

FOX Report Back and media updates
● The signs are crisp and clear, the messaging is excellent.
● Great thanks to Julie!
● Great thanks to Jon for the truck! And the great narrative he created. It will be coming out next Tuesday, weather permitting.
   o Though it broke down the press picked it up and images from the truck were all over.

New York For Abortion Rights – Hennessy is our invited speaker.
Saturday, March 4, 8AM join NYFAR at Old St. Pats (Prince and Mott St.)
● https://abortionrights.nyc/
● Hennessy works as a marshal at these monthly actions – a tough job!
● NYC for Abortion Defense
   o We use controversial tactics to interrupt two awful groups.
   o “Witness for Life” impersonate escorts and intimidates people seeking abortions at Planned Parenthood.
- We encourage covering your face cos these events are covered by right-wing press.
- Two alternatives:
  - 1) Be at clinic with umbrellas which block the “witness for life” folks.
    - This is less stressful way to intervene.
  - 2) You can be part of the blockade, which is higher risk, and you can choose to be at the front or the rear of this group.
- Jamie: RaR has felt most comfortable being at the clinic, where we can de-escalate more effectively. We are more committed to non-violence as a practice, and some of the activists at Old St Pats are more confrontative and tend towards escalation. Testosterone levels are high among activists and police.
- We discussed other ways to engage around this for those who do not want to be in person at these actions:
  - Write testimony re SRG in advance;
  - Hennessy will get back to Wendy B. with other ideas.
  - Hennessy called this “a good start”, and strongly supports coalition building
- Hennesy provided this training manual: https://www.instagram.com/p/CgqQ--ZOxEC/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link
- Much info in this week’s newsletter on clinic defense: https://mailchi.mp/d07c41030623/join-a-fox-protest-in-nyc-or-the-dc-area
- We should ALL gather at Old St. Pats at 8 am, and those of us who want to go to the clinic will leave from there.

**Upcoming Actions**
**Wednesday March 1, 9AM, City Hall, SRG (Strategic Response Group) Rally before City Council Hearings**
- A few of us showed up last month when SRG canceled for the second time.
- SRG has canceled once again, and the City Council has decided to go ahead.
- Banner: DEMOCRACY DIES IN A POLICE STATE
- 11 Council members have signed, and 9 more recently.
  - Eric Bottcher has not signed up. We need to contact him.
  - [Ebobttcher@council.nyc.gov](mailto:Ebottcher@council.nyc.gov)

**Upcoming Drag Story Hours**
- **Saturday March 4, 11am**: Drag Story Hour for Neurodiverse Kids, with Professor Lionel Longlegs; Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library, 40 W 20th St #1
- **Wednesday March 8, 11:30am**: Drag Story Hour with Flame, Yorkville Library, 222 E 79th St
- **Tuesday March 14, 10am**: Bilingual Drag Story Hour 58th St Library, 127 E 58th St
- **Wednesday March 15, 3:30pm**: Drag Story Hour at Central Library, Brooklyn Public Library, 10 am.

**Sunday, March 5, 12noon join NYCAN and GAG at St. Pats For All (Queens) 43rd St. & Skillman Ave.**
- March ends at 58th Stree and Woodside Ave.
- Robert: This march started 22 years ago in response to LGBTQ community being excluded from the St Pat’s March
  - [https://www.stpatsforall.org](https://www.stpatsforall.org)
- We will be marching with NYCAN and Gays against Guns
- Directions: R train to 36th St., 7 train to 40 St. Lowery St.
- Contact Robert [rcroon@gmail.com](mailto:rcroon@gmail.com) to further coordinate.
Immigration Vigil Thursday, March 9, at 5PM, Grand Central in the Main Hall
● Important to keep up the pressure. (See Report Backs)

Rikers Vigil Monday, March 6, 5PM Times Square Subway Station
● Times Square subway station between 7th Ave. and Broadway on the concourse in the “paid zone” of the station between the Shuttle and 1,2,3 train platform entrances.
● We decided in Actions to hold the Rikers Vigil on a regular basis, first Monday of every month.
● We get positive responses, and people are very interested to learn more and share their stories.

Friday March 10 - Roger Stone at the NYYRC event more details to follow
● Worst political club in the city; a fascist club supporting authoritarianism not democracy.
● Roger Stone was key in the Jan 6 Insurrection.
● Jamie will send you an email.

Elevator Action Group - MTA Board Meeting protest March 29
● Will be discussed at the next RaR meeting

Climate Action March 21 10:30 am - Major climate action starts at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza
● Stu: Third Act, founded by Bill McKibben to draw in older people to activism (!), and Stop Shopping Choir will be there. More info to follow.
● Climate Meetings are every other Thursday, including 3/2/23 at 2:30
  o Contact Stu for further info: Waldman@mikaya.com

Elections Committee update 5 pm every Wednesday
● For info about Elections: Elizabethmann.livvie@gmail.com
● Major story in NYT by Ross Barkan about the disaster going on in the Democratic Party
● Brian Lehrer interviewed Ross Barkan; Stu asked a great question.
● We packed the phones, which Lehrer commented on as being very unusual.

Amirah Alwagih (she/her) City College head of non-profit, NYPIRG found us through one of our flyers.
● Many of our concerns overlap with RaR’s. Can we network with you?
● Junior at CCNY: Major focus: make CUNY free.
● We discussed specific ways to coordinate.
● Amirah’s email: amirahalwagih6@gmail.com

Report Backs

Immigration Vigil 2/23 at Grand Central
● Lot of leafleting, intense discussions, good vigil. No major hecklers.
● 100 immigration organizations are getting together to fight the Biden Administration’s efforts to keep immigrants out.
● Very international awareness. Valuable discussions.

Say Their Names canceled due to weather. Every Friday at 4:30PM 96th/Broadway
● Jenny: We hope to be present this Friday
• Reviewed the mission of STN and the 700 names we read of Black people and people of color murdered by the police.
• Started July 2020
• Discussion of police reaction: white privilege and age protects us, but we get “mostly white male” hecklers.

2/24 Climate action at AIG headquarters
• Organized by Climate Families, Insure our Future
• If these installations are not insured, they cannot run.
• AIG will insure the longest pipeline in Africa taking oil to France:
  o Displaced peoples, major environmental impact; send more oil to the post-industrial world.
  o Much suffering from climate change
  o No indigenous benefit from the oil.
  o Colonialism and capitalism gone amok
• Kids made black slime to show what oil spreading will look like.
• Speakers, several from Uganda, were excellent
• We learned a great deal.

Drag story hours 2/24 at Jackson Heights QPL* Next action and sign up
• Two RaR members attended: Jay and…
• Kids love Drag Story Hour
• Counter resisters: anti-vaxxers, religious wing-nuts, Trumpies.
• We work with a group that organizes
• Recent action: large number of people. Laurie Arbeiter brought signs. Songs, chants, and very few anti’s were there.
• Next drag story hour is Saturday March 4

Feb 28 Bannon Court date at 100 Centre St. 8:15AM (Court at 9:00AM)
• We got there at 8:15, it was rescheduled for 2:15; we returned.
• We were penned in by police but photobombed it.
• Bannon walked in very swiftly, rather than sauntering.
• Great signs by Julie, “DEADBEAT”; and a lot of press were there.
• Vince was seen on Ari on MSNBC!
• Bannon is changing his lawyers: judge is fighting this delaying tactic. Another court date end of May.
• Hot off the presses!

Non-RaR announcements
• Wendy’s Indivisible Activate Newsletter: register to subscribe!
  https://indivisibleactivatenyc.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=b0ff5ba7f2c72c38a9df9e0e5&id=b4e3b6c230
• Here is this week’s Newsletter:
  https://mailchi.mp/d07c41030623/join-a-fox-protest-in-nyc-or-the-dc-area