

CNY Solidarity Coalition
2023
Annual Report

1. Meetings

Date	Location	Topic
1/7/23	BH	Annual Meeting
2/12/23	BH	Brainstorming: Progress and priorities
2/28/23	Zoom	Invest in Our New York (IONY) presentation
3/12/23	BH	Committee reports
3/26/23	Zoom	Oceanna Fair, Families for Lead Freedom Now
4/16/23	BH	NYS budget, Local races, Indivisible 22 Town Halls
5/21/23	BH	Micron: Environmental concerns, elevator speech discussion
6/11/23	BH	Primary candidate forum: County District 15, City auditor, Councilor-at-large
7/29/23	Thornden Pk	CNY Solidarity Picnic – Rained out
8/27/23	BH	Updates and current issues: Micron, NYCLU/81, upcoming elections
9/24/23	BH	Reports from allied organizations
10/15/23	BH	Where our county tax dollars are going
11/12/23	BH	Christine Wood (Public Citizen) – NYS Public Campaign Finance Program
12/12/23	BH	Micron presentation

2. Financial Report

Solidarity Donations Made	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	\$2,155.00	\$2,657.98	\$2,550.00	\$1,778.55
Aurora	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Ball Until You Fall Committee	\$0.00	\$100.00		
Bishop Harrison	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
DSA-Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$119.25		
GoFundMe	\$355.00			
NAN	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$100.00
New York Immigrant Coalition		\$50.00		
Rebirth	\$150.00	\$255.00	\$100.00	
Recon for Medical Kits	\$0.00	\$233.73		
RiseUp	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$200.00
SIRDN	\$0.00	\$50.00		
SPC	\$900.00	\$750.00	\$1,250.00	\$753.55
UJTF ¹	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$350.00	\$200.00
Spiritual Renewal				\$225.00
Victor Hernandez, Translation services	\$0.00	\$50.00		
Workers Center	\$150.00	\$100.00		

¹Includes \$100 membership fee in 2022

2023 Profit and Loss

Income - Donations	\$2,898.80	includes \$1200 from a single individual
Expenditures		
Donations made	\$1,778.55	
Expenses	\$1,139.55	
Action Network		\$65.88
Checking Acct Fees		\$36.00
DreamHost		\$191.86
Misc		\$59.00
Paypal Fees		\$81.19
PO Box Rental		\$276.00
Taylor Copy		\$279.72
Zoom license		\$149.90
Total Expenditures	\$2,918.10	
Net	-\$19.30	

3. Activity

- a. Westcott Street Fair – October 1, 2023
- b. Plowshares Craft Fair – December 2-3, 2023

4. Action Network

- a. After six years of using the RiseUp mailing platform for the newsletter and other communications, the Coordinating Committee decided to move to the Action Network platform. There were several reasons for this decision:
 - i. With the RiseUp service, all emails from TWCNY.RR.Com were bouncing. For some reason Spectrum was treating them as spam and blocking them. This problem went away using the Action Network platform
 - ii. The RiseUp platform was entirely text-based with very limited formatting options. The Action Network platform allowed us to create a more visually interesting and readable newsletters.
 - iii. RiseUp did not give us any insight into how many of the newsletters were actually opened and/or read. We have been getting statistics from Action Network on opens, clicks, and other useful data to help us improve the newsletter
- b. There are still technical problems with the Action Network platform. Action Network is widely used by progressive organizations. If you have ever received an email from an organization using Action Network and it ended up in your spam mailbox, Action Network will block you from receiving emails from CNY Solidarity. This block can be reversed, but it requires you to fill out a form saying you will not block or put future emails from organizations using Action Network in spam mailboxes. If you are not receiving the newsletter because of this, send an email to the CNY Solidarity email and I will send you the link to the form.