

Minutes of the Tuesday, February 28, 2023 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, beginning at 7:10 p.m., and was conducted using the internet communications platform Zoom. Several weeks beforehand, an announcement about the scheduled meeting and the agenda were posted on the PSFC website, foodcoop.com, inviting members to sign up to attend and participate. A Zoom link to the meeting, along with the meeting materials, were sent by email to members prior to the meeting. Chair Committee members Joseph Szende and Dan Hegwood acted as chair and chair secretary. At 8:02 p.m., when discussion of agenda item #1 began, 121 members were in attendance.

Open Forum

Several members raised remembrances of Coop member Rachel Porter, who had passed away the previous day.

Financial Report and General Coordinators Reports

General Manager and treasurer Joe Holtz presented a financial report, referring to notes and preliminary statements for the fiscal year ending 1/29/23, which had been distributed before the meeting. The meeting discussed the report. General Coordinator Elinoar Astrinsky made a report which included a survey of members being conducted on the subject of whether or not to continue requiring masks in the store, a search going on for a new suitable space for the General Meeting, Receiving Committee and Maintenance Committee openings, and a newly hired evening Coordinator. Several members raised comments, criticisms and suggestions regarding the survey on the Coop's mask requirement, and their views on requiring masks.

Committee Reports

Labor Committee members Erica Smiley and Annabelle Heckler made an announcement concerning the committee's search for new members and on its efforts to influence labor practices at Amy's Kitchen brand.

Agenda item 1 – Discussion – Proposal for a Member Governance Mobilization Committee

Members Beth Ruck and George Sarah Olken introduced the item, referring to a Zoom projected slide presentation, and the meeting raised questions and engaged in discussion. The item description published in the distributed meeting announcement reads:

We propose a standing Committee whose purpose is to conduct member outreach and education, and to establish new vehicles where needed, to continuously improve member participation in the Coop's self-governance model.

Agenda item 2 – Discussion – Member Attendance Solution

Member Danielle Liebling introduced the item, and the meeting raised questions and engaged in discussion. The item description published in the distributed meeting announcement reads:

The PSFC should initiate General Meetings that incorporate a SIMULTANEOUS in-person AND remote attendance option for more inclusive participation. Work slot credit should be

restored for ALL meeting attendees. Remote attendees would be required to have cameras on continuously.

Presentation of Minutes

Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier presented the minutes of the January 31, 2023 General Meeting, which had been distributed to members before the meeting. The meeting approved the minutes by general consent.

Board of Directors' Meeting

The Board of Directors' meeting was chaired by Shayna Moliver. Four board members were present: Joe Holtz, Shayna Moliver, Bill Penner and Brandon West. Viren Mehta and Imani Q'ryn were not in attendance. All members of the board present voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on the minutes of the January 31, 2023 General Meeting.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.



Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary
Park Slope Food Coop
Brooklyn, NY
March 1, 2023
(Approved by the March 28, 2023 PSFC GM)