

Minutes of the Tuesday, August 29, 2023 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, beginning at 7:13 p.m. 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. Meeting materials were made available to all Coop members by email. A Zoom link to the meeting was sent by email to meeting attendees about an hour before the meeting. Chair Committee members Josef Szende and David Moss acted as chair and chair secretary. At 7:43 p.m., when discussion of agenda item #1 began, 61 members were in attendance.

Open Forum

There were no open forum topics raised.

Financial Report and General Coordinators Reports

General Manager and treasurer Joe Holtz presented a financial report, referring to notes and statements for the 24-week period ending 7/16/23, which had been distributed before the meeting. General Coordinator Lisa Moore made a report on new staff hires and provided an update on restarting childcare. The meeting discussed the reports.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Agenda item 1 – Discussion – Changes to Coop Definition of Household and Adult

General Coordinator Ann Herpel introduced the item on behalf of the General Coordinators and the meeting discussed it. Below is the outline of the discussion item published in the GM agenda announcement:

- *The Coop defines an adult as a person 21 years or older. Individuals 21 and older may apply to join the Coop.*
- *A household is a group of adults who share food and other products purchased at the Coop.*
- *All adults in a household are required to join the Coop and fulfill all membership requirements.*
- *All adults in a familial relationship who reside together must join the Coop. Familial relationships include but are not limited to spouses, domestic partners, “significant others,” children/step-children, adult children, siblings/step-siblings, parents/step-parents, and grandparents/step-grandparents.*

These definitions replace all previous definitions approved by the Board.

Agenda item 2 – Discussion – Stop Giving Away Plastic Bags Made from Fossil Fuel

Member Tracy Fitz introduced the item, outlined in the GM agenda announcement as:

Sell plastic compostable vegetable bags instead of giving away non-compostable or compostable bags.

The meeting discussed the topic.

Presentation of Minutes

Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier presented the minutes of the July 25, 2023 General Meeting, which had been distributed to members before the meeting. The meeting approved the minutes by general consent.

Board of Directors' Meeting

Joe Holtz chaired the Board of Directors' meeting. Five board members were present: Joe Holtz, Tim Hospodar, Viren Mehta, Shayna Moliver and Brandon West. Imani Q'ryn was absent, due to a computer crash. All members of the board present voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on the minutes of the July 25, 2023 General Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary
Park Slope Food Coop
Brooklyn, NY
August 30, 2023
(Approved by the September 26, 2023 PSFC GM)