

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

The monthly General Meeting (GM) of the Park Slope Food Coop was held at the Prospect Park Picnic House on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, beginning at 7:10 p.m. A few days beforehand, an announcement about the scheduled meeting and the agenda were posted on the PSFC website, foodcoop.com, inviting members to participate. Meeting materials were made available to all Coop members by email before the meeting, as well as being screen projected during the meeting. Chair Committee member David Moss facilitated.

Information Item

General Coordinator (GC) Ann Herpel made a statement to notify the GM about an action taken by the GCs in October which removed an agenda item submission from the November GM agenda. The meeting discussed the issue.

Open Forum

Members raised topics that included bringing back a printed *Linewaiters' Gazette*, organizing members that want the Coop to boycott Israeli products, and the status of the idea of a second Coop location. The meeting discussed the 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 40-week period ending 11/5/23. Ann Herpel made a report which included 50th anniversary exhibits inside the store, put together by the Fun Committee and the Archive Committee, the Coop's new facemask policy, an announcement on new coordinator hires and one newly retired staff member, and a reminder to all to read Coop emails. GC Elinor Astrinsky made a report which included Thanksgiving holiday food sales statistics. The meeting discussed the reports.

Agenda item 1 – Discussion – Revisions to the Procedures that Govern the Coop's Disciplinary Process

Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) members Deb Magocsi, Grace Cosachov Protos and Helen Koh introduced the issue (copied below is the text of the item, as printed on the agenda), referring to the original and revised DRC procedures, which were available for people who had a cell phone using QR codes, and the members discussed it.

The Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) proposes changes to the Coop's Disciplinary Procedures that govern how the Coop handles cases of member misconduct. We feel the revised document is clearer, simpler, less legalistic, and more accessible than the current outdated version.

Agenda item 2 – Discussion – Gluten-Free Bulk Labeling

Member Andrew Winfrey introduced his idea (copied below is the text of the item, as printed in the agenda) and the members discussed it.

Labelling bulk items to indicate gluten-free and cross-contamination status because presently there is no indication when bulk shopping as to where and how items are processed and packaged.

Presentation of Minutes

Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier presented the minutes of the October 31, 2023 General Meeting, which were approved by general consent.

Board of Directors' Meeting

Brandon West 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. All members of the board present voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on the minutes of the October 31, 2023 General Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary

Park Slope Food Coop

Brooklyn, NY

December 1, 2023

(Approved by the January 30, 2024 PSFC GM)