

Minutes of the Tuesday, May 26, 2020 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, beginning at 7:15 p.m., and was conducted using the internet communications platform Zoom. Several weeks beforehand, an announcement about the scheduled meeting was posted on the PSFC website, foodcoop.com, inviting members to sign up to attend and participate. The agenda and other materials referred to during the meeting were made available a few days before the meeting, and a Zoom link to the meeting was sent by email to members at 6:15 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Chair Committee Introduction to the Meeting

Chair Committee member Charlie Rogers welcomed members, introduced the meeting format and explained the protocol for asking questions during the meeting. Chair Committee member Dan Hegwood assisted as chair secretary.

Board of Directors' Statement

Board Member Imani Q'ryn addressed the meeting and gave a report to the members on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Introduction of 2020 Board of Directors' Election Candidates

Board Member Bill Penner addressed the meeting as a Board of Directors' election candidate, running for reelection. The chair opened the floor for questions.

Reports from the General Coordinators

General Coordinator Joe Szladek addressed the meeting to give a Product Report. General Coordinator Elinoar Astrinsky addressed the meeting to give a Facilities Report and to broadcast three videos: the first one made by staff on the new safety measures being taken in the store; the second one made by a Coop member for the program Business Insider Today for an episode about the Coop, "Supermarket Takes Extreme Measures To Keep Workers Safe"; the third one, a pre-recorded message from General Manager Joe Holtz addressing how the events surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic have affected the Coop. Next, Joe Holtz gave a Financial Report, referring to the 12-Week Preliminary Statement for the period ending 04/26/20, which was made available. Elinoar Astrinsky introduced a pre-recorded statement made by General Coordinator Lisa Moore about the launch of the Member-Owner Equity Investment Increase Campaign (MOEI). The visuals of Lisa's video failed to appear, but the audio portion was broadcast. General Coordinator Ann Herpel was not in attendance, but she had submitted (in the meeting announcement to members attending the GM) a foodcoop.com website link to a statement she had published addressing a number of member concerns, suggestions and questions, "Reply to Louis Lavelle, Erica Lessem and Carol Lipton."

Member Questions

The chair opened the floor for member questions. The chair secretary facilitated the member question period, by either reading out questions that had been submitted in written form or by recognizing members to state his or her question by audio and/or video participation. General Coordinators Jessica Robinson, Joe Holtz, Elinoar Astrinsky, Lisa Moore and Joe Szladek addressed the questions.

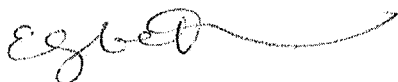
Presentation of Minutes

The minutes of the February 25, 2020 General Meeting were presented by Acting Secretary Dan Hegwood. The chair opened the floor for corrections to the minutes.

Board of Directors' Meeting

Board Member Rachel Asher announced that all board members were present, including Imani Q'ryn, Bill Penner, Allen Zimmerman, Joe Holtz and Susannah Tamarkin. Rachel asked that all members of the board who were in favor of accepting the advice of the members on the minutes of the February 25, 2020 General Meeting to indicate this; the vote was unanimously in favor.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.



Elizabeth Tobier, acting secretary
Park Slope Food Coop
Brooklyn, NY
May 29, 2020
(Approved by the June 30, 2020 PSFC GM)