

Minutes of the Tuesday, December 1, 2020 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, beginning at 7:15 p.m., and was conducted using the internet communications platform Zoom. All votes were taken using Simply Voting software. Several weeks beforehand, an announcement about the scheduled meeting and the agenda was 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 agenda, financial statements, the draft October 27, 2020 General Meeting minutes, and minutes of several meetings held during the spring and summer by the Board of Directors were sent by email to members about 5:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. A separate email with the Simply Voting link and password was sent to meeting attendees around the same time. The chair committee reported that attendance reached about 170 members.

Chair Committee Introduction to the Meeting

The meeting chair Charlie Rogers introduced the meeting format and explained the protocol for asking questions, making comments and voting. Chair Committee member Josef Szende assisted as chair secretary.

Open Forum

The chair opened the floor for open forum. A number of members presented questions, opinions and shared information.

Reports from the General Coordinators

General Manager/General Coordinator/Treasurer Joe Holtz presented a financial report, referring to materials which had been made available to attendees via email: a 40-week statement along with statement highlights for the period ending 11/8/20, and a statement reflecting financial changes between 10/11/20 and 11/8/20 (last 4 weeks). Joe also referred to a Zoom slide presentation. The chair opened the floor for questions on the financial report. General Coordinator Elinoar Astrinsky presented a food and store report. General Coordinator Jessica Robinson presented a report on the ongoing phased return of the Member Labor system, referring to a Zoom slide presentation. The chair opened the floor for questions on the coordinator reports.

Agenda item 1 – Proposal: Renewal of the Fair Food Program

Labor Committee member Eric Frumin introduced the item, referring to a Zoom slide presentation. The chair opened the floor for questions about the item. Eric moved that the Coop's collaboration with the Fair Food Program, originally put in place after a July 2019 GM decision, be renewed on an ongoing basis, with no requirement to seek further GM approval, which was seconded. The chair opened the floor for debate on the proposal. The meeting approved the proposal, voting 105 in favor and 18 against.

Agenda item 2 – Proposal: Audit of Member-Owner Status and Well-being

Member Marion Yuen introduced the item, referring to a Zoom slide presentation. The chair opened the floor for questions about the item. Marion moved that an audit of member-owner status and well-being be started immediately by a member-volunteer-labor team with pertinent skills and the necessary staff support, which was seconded. The chair opened the floor for debate on the proposal. The members turned down the proposal, voting 36 in favor and 82 against.

Agenda item 3 – Discussion: Having Term Limits for the Dispute Resolution Committee

Member Bisi Ideraabdullah introduced the item, referring to a Zoom slide presentation. The chair opened the floor to discussion of the item.

Presentation of Minutes

The chair opened the floor to Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier who, referring to the prepared minutes of the October 27, 2020 General Meeting, requested any corrections.

Board of Directors' Meeting

The chair opened the floor for the Board of Directors' meeting, chaired by Bill Penner. All board members were present: Rachel Asher, Joe Holtz, Bill Penner, Imani Q'ryn, Susannah Tamarkin and Allen Zimmerman. All members of the board voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on the minutes of the October 27, 2020 General Meeting. All members of the board voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members as reflected in the vote results of agenda item #1, Renewal of the Fair Food Program and item #2, Audit of Member-Owner Status and Well-being.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.



Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary
Park Slope Food Coop
Brooklyn, NY
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(Approved by the January 26, 2021 PSFC GM)