Minutes of the Tuesday, March 30, 2021 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, beginning at 7:11 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 and the previous GM's minutes were sent by email to meeting attendees about an hour before the meeting. A separate email with the Simply Voting login information was sent to the attendees around the same time. The chair committee reported that attendance midway into the meeting was about 200 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 raised questions, criticisms, 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 several days before the meeting: a 4-week statement along with statement highlights for the period ending 2/28/21. Joe also referred to a Zoom slide presentation. The chair opened the floor for questions on the financial report. General Coordinator Ann Herpel addressed the meeting to present highlights of the email which was sent out to the membership in the days before the meeting on the upcoming return of the member labor system. The chair opened the floor for questions on Ann's report.

Committee Reports

Agenda Committee member Kate Spota addressed the meeting to clarify the role and procedures of the Agenda Committee and to give out the email address for the committee.

Agenda item 1 – Hearing Officer Committee Election

A Hearing Officer Committee member named Marion addressed the meeting to review the purpose of the committee and to introduce candidate Jonathan Fox. Jonathan addressed the meeting. The meeting voted in favor of electing Jonathan Fox to the Hearing Officer Committee, with 60 yes votes and 2 no votes.

Agenda item 2 – Presentation of the Board of Directors Candidates

Four of the five candidates running in the upcoming board member election addressed the meeting and answered questions: Viren Mehta, Tomek Miernowski, Shayna Moliver and Timothy Hospodar. Frank Bradshaw was not in attendance.

Presentation of Minutes

The chair opened the floor to Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier who presented the Feb 23, 2021 GM minutes.

Board of Directors' Meeting

The chair opened the floor for the Board of Directors' meeting, chaired by Rachel Asher. Four board members were present: Rachel Asher, Joe Holtz, Bill Penner and Susannah Tamarkin. Imani Q'ryn and Allen Zimmerman 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 February 23, 2021 General Meeting. All members of the board present voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on agenda item 1, Hearing Officer Committee Election.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary

Park Slope Food Coop

Brooklyn, NY

April 25, 2021

(Approved by the April 27, 2021 PSFC GM)