

## **Minutes of the Tuesday, May 25, 2021 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting**

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 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 and the previous GM's minutes were sent by email to 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 financial statements were also sent out to members in an email the day before the meeting. At the end of the meeting a chair committee member reported that attendance at the meeting had been about 110 people.

### **Chair Committee Introduction to the Meeting**

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

### **Open Forum**

The chair opened the floor for open forum. Several members raised questions and shared information.

### **Treasurer's Report**

General Manager/General Coordinator/Treasurer Joe Holtz presented a financial report, referring to a 13-page report as of 4/25/21 which had been made available to attendees via email before the meeting. Joe also referred to a "shared screen" presentation. The chair opened the floor for questions on the financial report.

### **Committee Reports**

Coop Fun Committee member Fadwa Abbas addressed members at the end of the meeting to announce an upcoming Coop Zoom event: Trivia Night on June 3 at 7pm.

### **Reports from the General Coordinators**

General Coordinator Jessica Robinson addressed the meeting to present a report on the preliminary results of the recent member survey done to prepare for the return of the member labor system. General Coordinator Elinoar Astrinsky addressed the meeting to answer member questions and announce the names of Coop members who have resigned as full-time paid staff and the names of Coop members who have recently been hired or re-hired as full-time workers. Elinoar announced that General Coordinator Jessica Robinson will be leaving her job at the end of the week. The chair asked members to use the "chat" function of Zoom to pose any questions on the General Coordinators' reports.

### **Agenda item 1 – Annual Revolving Loan Committee Election**

The chair addressed the meeting to explain the voting procedures for the two agenda items to follow. Revolving Loan Committee member Rachel Porter addressed the meeting to describe the purpose of the committee and to introduce herself as a candidate running for re-election to the committee. Wendy Fleisher, also running for re-election to the committee, did not address the meeting. The chair opened the floor to questions of the candidates before directing attendees to vote. At the end of the meeting, the chair announced the election results: Rachel Porter received 77 yes votes and 18 no votes. Wendy Fleisher received 84 yes votes and 11 no votes. Both Rachel Porter and Wendy Fleisher were re-elected to the Revolving Loan Committee -- Rachel for a 3-year term and Wendy for a 2-year term.

**Agenda item 2 – Proposal: Enact Term Limits for the Dispute Resolution Committee**

Coop member Bisi Iderabdullah addressed the meeting to present the item, referring to a “shared screen” presentation. After allowing for questions, the chair invited the presenter to address the meeting to formally ask it to consider her proposal. Bisi moved that, “The Park Slope Food Coop enact term limits for the Dispute Resolution Committee.” The meeting debated the motion. The chair directed members to vote on the proposal. At the end of the meeting, the chair announced the results of the vote: 18 yes votes and 72 no votes. The proposal to enact term limits for the Dispute Resolution Committee did not succeed.

**Presentation of Minutes**

The chair opened the floor to Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier who presented the April 27, 2021 GM minutes.

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

The chair opened the floor for the Board of Directors’ meeting, chaired by Bill Penner. Five board members were present: Rachel Asher, Joe Holtz, Bill Penner, Imani Q’ryn and Allen Zimmerman. Susannah Tamarkin was not in attendance. All members of the board present voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on the minutes of the April 27, 2021 General Meeting. All members of the board present voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on agenda item 1, Annual Revolving Loan Committee Election. All members of the board present voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on agenda item 2, Proposal to Enact Term Limits for the Dispute Resolution Committee.

**Meeting Evaluation by Attendees**

The chair opened the floor for comments on how the meeting was run.

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



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Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary  
Park Slope Food Coop  
Brooklyn, NY  
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(Approved by the June 29, 2021 PSFC GM)