

## **Minutes of the Tuesday, February 22, 2022 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting**

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, beginning at 7:09 p.m., using the internet communications platform Zoom. For the election item on the agenda, members voted 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 month's GM minutes were sent by email to meeting attendees about an hour before the meeting. About the same time, a separate email with the Simply Voting login information was sent to meeting attendees. A meeting reminder was also sent out to members in an email a week before the meeting. Zoom showed that 105 people were in attendance at 8:00 p.m.

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

The meeting chair, David Moss, introduced the meeting format and explained the protocol for asking questions, making comments and voting. Chair Committee member Maribeth Batcha assisted as chair secretary.

### **Open Forum**

The members discussed the March 1 deadline for members to declare their candidacy for the next Coop Board election. Using the Zoom chat function, a member provided a Slack link for members at the meeting who wanted to text each other.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Joe Holtz spoke to the meeting, referring to a 23-page financial report, which had been made available to attendees via email before the meeting, as well as shown on Zoom during the meeting. Questions and discussion that followed included the Coop's target goal on the number of new members, concerns about the temporary additional product markup rate and when it could be lifted, how the new method of new member orientation is going and whether the Coop is tracking its success, member involvement in helping the Coop with its current financial predicament and the impact of inflation on store products.

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

General Coordinator Ann Herpel made a report, which included the return of member labor in the basement, the progress of new member recruitment, a description of the current new member orientation process, an in-person GM update concerning the NYC Department of Education's continued ban on space rentals, and two reminders: the upcoming deadline for members who want to run for the Board and the ongoing policy requiring face coverings in the building.

### **Committee Reports**

International Trade Education Squad member Bart DeCoursy gave a report.

### **Agenda item 1 – Election: Hearing Administration Committee**

Hearing Administration Committee Member Dominique Bravo introduced the item, explaining the purpose of the committee. Two members were presented as committee candidates: Israella Meyers and Kathy Perez. Israella addressed the meeting, after which the members asked

questions about the committee and Israella's qualifications. Kathy Perez was not in attendance. The members voted. The election results: Israella Meyers received 59 yes votes and 3 no votes. Kathy Perez received 47 yes votes and 6 no votes. Both Israella Meyers and Kathy Perez were elected to the Hearing Administration Committee for 3-year terms.

**Agenda item 2 – Discussion: Allow one member of a two-adult household with a child or children under school age to leave membership**

Member Ryan Snelson introduced the item and the members discussed it.

**Presentation of Minutes**

Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier presented the January 25, 2022 GM minutes, which were approved by general consent.

**Board of Directors' Meeting**

The Board of Directors' meeting convened, chaired by Imani Q'ryn. All six board members were present to vote at the meeting: Joe Holtz, Viren Mehta, Shayna Moliver, Bill Penner, Imani Q'ryn and Allen Zimmerman. All members of the board voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on the minutes of the January 25, 2022 GM. All members of the board voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on agenda item 1: Hearing Administration Committee Election.

The floor was opened for announcements and comments about how the meeting was run. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



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Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary  
Park Slope Food Coop  
Brooklyn, NY  
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(Approved by the March 29, 2022 PSFC GM)