

Minutes of the Tuesday, March 29, 2022 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, beginning at 7:10 p.m., using the internet communications platform Zoom. 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 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. At 7:52 p.m., a member unsuccessfully trying to login to the meeting reached the chair to report that Zoom had capped the meeting at 100 people. Because members could not login to the meeting, the election items on the agenda were postponed to a future GM.

Chair Committee Introduction to the Meeting

The meeting chair, Dan Hegwood, 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 members discussed the process the Coop used to review vaccine mandate exemption applications, updating or reposting information about animal welfare standards used by suppliers, making the board candidate presentations at the March 2022 GM available on the Coop website and the status of the Terracycle Squad,

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Joe Holtz spoke to the meeting, referring to a Zoom-projected presentation on the Coop's financial sustainability and a 14-page financial report, which had been made available to attendees via email before the meeting. Questions and discussion that followed included what comprised shrinkage, the possibility of increasing store hours on weekends, the net number of new members per week, and the projected ideal number of new members.

Reports from the General Coordinators

General Coordinator Elinoar Astrinsky made a report, which included an announcement of staff resignations and new hires, an upcoming member survey planned on the in-store mask policy and a products report.

Agenda item 1 – Election: Interim Agenda Committee Election

Member Dominique Bravo addressed the meeting to discuss her interest in joining the Agenda Committee, followed by interactions with attendees. The election was postponed to another meeting, due to the Zoom 100-person cap in place, which prevented members who signed up to participate.

Agenda item 2 – Election: Dispute Resolution Committee Election

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Agenda item 3 – Presentation of Candidates for the Board of Directors

The six candidates for the two seats to be filled at the June 2022 board of directors election -- George Sarah Olken, Brandon West, Amy Cao, Jesse Rosenfeld, Imani Q'ryn, and Timothy Hospodar -- each addressed the meeting and responded to member questions.

Presentation of Minutes

Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier presented the February 22, 2022 GM minutes, which were approved by general consent.

Board of Directors' Meeting

The Board of Directors' meeting convened, chaired by Shayna Moliver. Five board members were present to vote at the meeting: Joe Holtz, Shayna Moliver, Bill Penner, Imani Q'ryn and Allen Zimmerman. Viren Mehta was not in attendance. All members of the board in attendance voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on the minutes of the February 22, 2022 GM. All members of the board in attendance voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on agenda item 1: Interim Agenda Committee Election. All members of the board in attendance voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on agenda item 2: Dispute Resolution Committee Election.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.



Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary
Park Slope Food Coop
Brooklyn, NY
April 19, 2022
(Approved by the April 26, 2022 PSFC GM)