

Minutes of the Tuesday, July 26, 2022 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, beginning at 7:10 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 meeting materials, was sent by email to members about 6:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Chair Committee members Josef Szende and Charlie Rogers acted as chair and chair secretary. At 8:15 p.m., at the start of the election agenda item, 149 members were in attendance.

Open Forum

Topics discussed by members included the July 1 - 30 suspension without pay of General Manager Joe Holtz, improving the condition of the cashier's blue room, issues surrounding the Covid-19 vaccine requirement for all workers, the *Linewaiters' Gazette's* new incarnation as an online publication, and the need for more transparency about goings on at the Coop.

Financial Report

General Coordinator Joe Szladek presented a financial report, referring to income statements and balance sheets at 20 weeks and 24 weeks, which had been distributed before the meeting.

Reports from the General Coordinators

General Coordinator Elinoar Astrinsky made a report, discussing the function of the roof condenser, a string of wallet thefts that happened recently, and the plethora of summer fruits available in the store.

Committee Reports

Member Helen Beichel of the International Trade Education Squad made an announcement about an upcoming online event, "Coffee, Coops and COVID. Member Eric Frumin of the Labor Committee made a report regarding issues surrounding workers at the Amy's Kitchen brand of products.

Agenda item 1 - Election: Committee Oversight Committee

Member Rachel Porter introduced the item, explaining the work of the committee. Committee candidates Rachel Porter, Ned Lochaya, Diana Colon, Brian Shuman, Kristian Nammack and Sara Bouzas introduced themselves and received questions from meeting attendees. All the candidates were elected to the committee. Diana Colon, Kristian Nammack and Sara Bouzas will serve terms of 3 years. Ned Lochaya, Rachel Porter and Brian Shuman will serve terms of 2 years.

Election results:

Sara Bouzas – 78 yes votes, 11 no votes
Diana Colon – 91 yes votes, 9 no votes
Ned Lochaya – 74 yes votes, 14 no votes
Kristian Nammack – 78 yes votes, 11 no votes
Rachel Porter – 75 yes votes, 20 no votes
Brian Shuman – 74 yes votes, 15 no votes

Agenda item 2 – Discussion: Current requirement to wear a mask

Member Elizabeth Tobier introduced the topic, referring to a PowerPoint presentation, and the members discussed it.

Presentation of Minutes

Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier presented the minutes of the June 28, 2022 Annual Meeting and the June 28, 2022 General Meeting. The vote result of one item occurring during the General Meeting was unknown, so the minutes will be presented again at the August 2022 GM.

Board of Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors' meeting was chaired by Bill Penner. All board members were present: Ann Herpel, Viren Mehta, Shayna Moliver, Bill Penner, Imani Q'ryn and Brandon West. All members of the board voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on agenda item 1: Committee Oversight Committee Election.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.



Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary
Park Slope Food Coop
Brooklyn, NY
August 3, 2022
(Approved by the August 30, 2022 PSFC GM)