

Minutes of the Tuesday, September 27, 2022 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, beginning at 7:09 p.m., and was conducted 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 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 Charlie Rogers and Imani Q'ryn acted as chair and chair secretary. At 8:01 p.m., when discussion of the first agenda item began, 165 members were in attendance.

Open Forum

Topics discussed by members included the lifting on November 1 of New York City's Covid-19 vaccination requirement for private businesses, the Coop's face covering requirement, how to approach the Coop about becoming a supplier, determining whether spoiled produce should be placed in the soup kitchen box or the compost bucket and Terracycle recycling.

Financial Report

Treasurer Joe Holtz presented a financial report, referring to notes and statements covering the first 32 weeks of the fiscal year, which had been distributed before the meeting. The meeting discussed the report.

Reports from the General Coordinators

General Coordinator Elinoar Astrinsky made a report which included new hires and staff departures, a staff party scheduled for October 6, workslots opening for team leaders (formerly known as squad leaders), and area construction work that will affect the Coop's bike racks. The meeting discussed the report.

Committee Reports

Member Eric Frumin of the Labor Committee made a report regarding its work on addressing reports of bad working conditions at the Amy's Kitchen brand.

Agenda item 1 – Pension Education and Reporting Committee Election

Pension Education and Reporting Committee member Nils Mellquist introduced the item, describing the committee's purpose and process, and announcing the reelection candidacy of himself and member Avi Fisher, who was not in attendance at the meeting. The meeting discussed the item. Election results: Nils Mellquist received 67 yes votes and 3 no votes. Avi Fisher received 62 yes votes and 6 no votes. Thus, both Nils and Avi were reelected for 3-year terms on the Pension Education and Reporting Committee.

Agenda item 2 – Discussion: Reinstate Joe Holtz as GM/Treasurer

Member Gillian Chi introduced the topic, which was described on the meeting agenda: "1. The PSFC will retroactively reinstate General Manager Joe Holtz for the dates he was suspended without pay and banned from entering the building: July 1 to July 30. Joe Holtz will be paid the entirety of the salary that was withheld. 2. The PSFC will redress the harm done by issuing a public retraction of the punitive measures imposed upon Joe." The meeting discussed the item.

Presentation of Minutes

Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier presented the minutes of the August 30, 2022 General Meeting, which had been distributed to members before the meeting. The meeting approved the minutes by general consent.

Board of Directors' Meeting

The Board of Directors' meeting was chaired by Brandon West. All board members were present: Joe Holtz, 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 the minutes of the August 30, 2022 General Meeting. All members of the board voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on agenda item 1, Pension Education and Reporting Committee Election.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.



Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary
Park Slope Food Coop
Brooklyn, NY
October 6, 2022
(Approved by the October 25, 2022 PSFC GM)