

Minutes of the Tuesday, February 27, 2024 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting (GM) of the Park Slope Food Coop (PSFC) was held at ShapeShifter Lab (837 Union Street, Brooklyn, NY) on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, beginning at 7:15 p.m. A few weeks beforehand, an announcement about the scheduled meeting and the agenda were posted on the PSFC website, foodcoop.com, inviting members to participate. Meeting materials were made available to all Coop members by email before the meeting. Chair Committee members Imani Q'ryn and Josef Szende served as chair and secretary.

Open Forum

Topics raised by members included requests for an update on locating a venue to hold a GM discussion about boycotting Israeli products, the expression of opinions on boycotting Israeli products to protest the war in Gaza, and a request that membership receive more notification about upcoming GM proposal items.

Financial Report and General Coordinators' (GC) Reports

GC Anne Herpel made a report which included a number of updates:

- Progress is being made to find a venue to rent for a GM discussion on a boycott of Israeli products.
- Failure to find a childcare insurance carrier, despite months of effort to do so, thereby preventing the return of childcare at the Coop.
- Efforts being made to enable the type of local advertising, previously done using the stairwell hall walls prior to 2020, to be done in the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, as the hallway exit must not be obstructed due to Fire Department of New York and New York State Insurance Fund's rules.
- New area coordinator hires.

General Manager, GC and treasurer Joe Holtz presented a preliminary (due to the ongoing annual audit) financial report, referring to notes and statements for the 52-week period ending 1/28/24. GC Joe Szladek made a report regarding the new electronic shelf labels. The meeting discussed the reports.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Agenda item 1 – Proposal – Revisions to the Procedures that Govern the Coop's Disciplinary Process

Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) members Deb Magocsi, Grace Cosachov Protos and Helen Koh presented the proposal, referring to two documents that had been made available to attendees prior to the meeting: the current Dispute Resolution Procedures (as amended February 27, 2018) and the proposed revised Dispute Resolution Procedures. After discussion, a motion was made by Deb that the GM approve the proposed revised rules. Member Jesse Rosenfeld raised an amendment: to insert the word xenophobia at the bottom of page 4 (Article III, Paragraph D, number 6), which was voted down by member hand count. Member George Olken moved "to table the vote until there is a public, some form of hearing made available to Coop members outside of the GM," which was voted down by member hand count. After further debate, the members voted by ballot to approve the new procedures proposed by the DRC, with 115 in favor and 5 opposed. The approved Dispute Resolution Procedures have been attached to this meeting minutes.

Presentation of Minutes

Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier presented the minutes of the January 30, 2024 GM, which were approved by general consent.

Board of Directors' Meeting

Brandon West chaired the Board of Directors' meeting. Four board members were present: Joe Holtz, Viren Mehta, Imani Q'ryn and Brandon West. Tim Hospodar and Shayna Moliver were absent. All members of the board present voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on the minutes of the January 30, 2024 GM. All members of the board present voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on agenda item 1, Proposed Revisions to the Procedures that Govern the Coop's Disciplinary Process.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.



Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary
Park Slope Food Coop
Brooklyn, NY
February 29, 2024
(Approved by the March 26, 2024 PSFC GM)