

## **Minutes of the Tuesday, May 28, 2024 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting**

The monthly General Meeting (GM) of the Park Slope Food Coop (PSFC) was held at the Prospect Park Picnic House on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, beginning at 7:10 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 Maribeth Batcha and Dan Hegwood served as chair and secretary.

### **Open Forum**

Topics raised by members included dissension between some members on the issue of whether or not to boycott Israeli products, legal memos drafted by two different lawyers on the issue of whether the PSFC bylaws disallow virtual GMs, handling incidents of member harassment by filing a complaint with the Dispute Resolution Committee and voiced support for a program idea raised at the last GM to support members who are parents of young children.

### **Financial Report and General Coordinators' (GC) Reports**

Treasurer, GC & General Manager Joe Holtz presented a preliminary (due to the ongoing annual audit) financial report, referring to notes and statements for the 12-week period ending 4/21/24. GC Elinoar Astrinsky made a report, which included the security issue of an uptick in non-members entering the store, the importance of wearing closed-toe shoes while working, and summer fruits that are starting to appear in the produce area. GC Ann Herpel read a GCs' statement regarding the discovery of false accusations about the GCs made by organizers of psfc4palestine.org on their website in their efforts to bring members to the April 2024 GM to vote against a proposal item sponsored by the GCs. Ann also provided information to refute the false accusations. The meeting discussed the reports.

### **Committee Reports**

International Trade Education Committee (ITES) member Bart DeCoursy made a report on the investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS).

### **Agenda item 1 – Discussion: Return of the Print Gazette**

Member Alex Godin introduced the topic (the agenda announcement is copied below in italics) and the meeting discussed it.

*The print Gazette was the highlight of the pre-pandemic Coop. It created a sense of community and made this more than just a grocery store. What considerations are needed to bring it back?*

### **Agenda item 2 – Discussion: Stop Giving Away Plastic Bags Made from Fossil Fuel**

Member Tracy Fitz introduced the topic (the agenda announcement is copied below in italics) and the meeting discussed it.

*Sell plastic compostable vegetable bags, instead of giving away non-compostable or compostable bags.*

**Presentation of Minutes**

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

**Board of Directors' Meeting**

Brandon West chaired the Board of Directors' meeting. Three board members were present: Joe Holtz, Tim Hospodar and Brandon West. Viren Mehta, Shayna Moliver and Imani Q'ryn were absent. All members of the board present voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on the minutes of the April 30, 2024 GM.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.



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Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary  
Park Slope Food Coop  
Brooklyn, NY  
May 30, 2024  
(Approved by the June 25, 2024 PSFC GM)