

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, April 28th, 2015 beginning at 7:15 p.m. at the MS 51 Public School. Tim Platt in the Chair, Carl Arnold as Secretary, Joseph Szende on the table, and Imani Q'ryn and David Moss attending.

Open Forum

Allen Zimmerman and Jesse Rosenfeld introduce new Palestinian olive oil

Problems with lines

Procedural issues

Green Hill Food Coop funds.

Proposal to strike Agenda Item #2 from agenda because item was considered outdated. Chair rejects proposal because proposal to strike must wait until agenda item is read.

Coordinator's Reports

Mike Eakin. General Coordinator. Reading financial statement for week 8 of financial year.

Joe Holtz. General Coordinator, on lack of produce report, Personnel Committee for hiring Allen Zimmerman's replacement

Committee Reports

Bart, for International Trade and Education Squad. On TPP and Fast Track. Questions from the floor.

Loan Committee. Rachel Porter. On fund for new coops. Lottery drawing and winner read out.

Agenda Committee. Susan Sternberg. Positions still available.

DEC. Paul Warren. Complaint Review Subcommittee. On squad leader training. Questions from floor.

Item 1: Presentation of a Candidate to Hire as a General Coordinator (25 minutes)

Proposal: The Personnel Committee will present to the General Meeting a candidate to be hired for the position of General Coordinator: Purchasing/ Receiving Supervisor. This candidate will be taking on many of the responsibilities of two long-time General Coordinators who will be retired by the end of April.

—submitted by the Personnel Committee

Yolanda, Personnel Committee. Presenting Joseph Daniel Slack, new candidate of committee.

Vote for approval unanimous

Item 2: Boycott of SodaStream Products (45 minutes)

Discussion: We propose that the Coop boycott SodaStream products, which are manufactured in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

—submitted by Thomas Cox and Heather Tenzer

Naomi Brussel, Thomas Cox, Hima B. and Carol Wald presenting.

Barbara Mazor objects to the consideration of the question before presentation begins. Objection to item on grounds that item is outdated and therefore irrelevant to coop business.

Motion made to not discuss issue.

Seconded.

Tim Platt on modified Roberts Rules of Order. Modified rules indicate that presenters be given opportunity to speak and not accept the objection.

Meeting interrupted by mass protest.

Request made by chair to briefly turn off projector as glare was blinding while trying to maintain order.

Announcement made (unclear in the commotion as to who said it) on the microphone that says presenters agree not to show certain selected and contested images on screen.

Hima B denies this was agreed to.

Imani Q'ryn, Monique Bowen, Bill Penner, and Joe Holtz call for calm at separate points during commotion.

Resumption of presentation.

Question and answer period, with opinions for and against agenda item.

Suggestion by Chair for extension of meeting.

Seconded.

Floor asked for show of hand for extension by 10 minutes. Voted down overwhelmingly. No extension given.

Presentation of Minutes:

No suggested changes or edits to the March 31st, 2015 minutes.

Board of Directors' vote:

Board members Joe Holtz (ex-officio), Imani Q'ryn, Eunju Lee, Monique Bowen, Zoey Laksaris, and Bill Penner were present for the vote.

The Board voted 6 – 0 in favor of accepting the minutes.

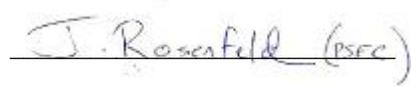
The Board voted 6 – 0 to accept membership advice on agenda item #1

Wrap up

Membership asked by Chair Committee if meeting went well.

Rideshare

Meeting adjourned at 9:45

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Rosenfeld (PSEC)". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Jesse Rosenfeld, Secretary
Park Slope Food Coop
Brooklyn, New York
April 28, 2015