Minutes of the Tuesday, November 28, 2017 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 beginning at 7:15 p.m. at Francis Xavier School, with Tim Platt in the Chair, Charlie Rogers as Secretary, David Moss on the Table, and Imani Q'ryn attending

Open Forum

Cathy – On external organization gathering phone numbers and then calling members

Joe Holtz – On external organization gathering phone numbers and then calling members

Danya Roberts – On plea for fundraising effort

Naomi Brussel - On boycotts and Gazette policies

Jesse Rosenfeld - On healthcare and tax cuts and Net Neutrality

Coordinator Reports

Mike Eakin – General Coordinator. Financial Report for 40 weeks ending Nov. 5th, 2017. Plus Q&A

Joe Holtz and Ann Herpel - General Coordinators. On cooperation among cooperatives

Committee Reports

Eric Frumin – Labor Committee. On sourcing tomatoes ethically, and supporting drivers from UNFI

Jesse - Animal Welfare Committee. On petition for humane slaughter, and seeking new members for committee

Item 1: Dispute Resolution Committee Election (20 minutes)

Election: Two potential new members to the DRC will stand for election. DRC members work on a FTOP basis and serve three-year terms.

—submitted by Grace Protos of the Dispute Resolution Committee

Grace Protos presenting

Daniel Weiss and Kyla Levin-Russell introducing themselves

Motion for a show-of-hands vote

Chair calls for show of hands for who wishes for paper ballot. Rules invoked that even minority voice for ballots must be respected

Ballots distributed

NOTE: Agenda item order skipped to #3.

Item 3: Proposal to Temporarily Boycott Tom Cat Bakery Products (45 Minutes)

Proposal: To conditionally cease purchase of Tom Cat Bakery products in solidarity with former Tom Cat immigrant workers who have specifically asked the Coop to support their fight for justice

—submitted by Erika Inwald, Nancy Romer, David Pratt and Genna Cherichello

Erika Inwald, Nancy Romer, David Pratt, Richard Mandelbaum, Maritza Silva-Farrell, and Genna Cherichello presenting

Q&A

Motion read

Comments section

Motion for vote seconded

Ballots distributed

ANNOUNCEMENT: All Dispute Committee candidates elected overwhelmingly

Kyla Levin-Russell	240 Yes. 4 No
Daniel Weiss	247 Yes. 3 No

Item 2: Creating a Walker Squad (25 Minutes)

Discussion: To separate the walkers from the Shopping Squad and make them their own entity.

—submitted by David Bijur

David Bijur presenting

Questions

Announcement: Proposal to temporarily boycott Tom Cat bakery voted down. 118 opposed (41%) and 167 in favor of (59%): did not meet the 75% minimum required to enact a boycott.

Minutes

No edits or suggestions regarding the minutes for the October 31st, 2017 General Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting:

Board members Joe Holtz (ex-officio), Imani Q'ryn, Eunju Lee, Bill Penner, Allen Zimmerman, and Rachel Asher were present for the vote

The Board voted 6 – 0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members with regard to the October 31st, 2017 minutes

The Board voted 6-0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members with regard to Agenda Item #1

The Board voted 6-0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members with regard to Agenda Item #3. (To clarify: The Board endorsed the advice of the meeting, a NO vote, regarding supporting the temporary boycott of Tom Cat bakery, as it was under the 75% minimum)

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Comments about meeting

Carol Wald – Starting on time
Unnamed – Concern about material on the table
Unnamed – Please don't refer to nationality
Jess Robinson – On making points of information
Sarah – On GC's given more time at the mic

J. Rosenfeld (PSFC)

Jesse Rosenfeld, Secretary Park Slope Food Coop Brooklyn, New York, Tuesday, November 28, 2017