

Minutes of the Tuesday, October 30, 2018 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 beginning at 7:15 p.m. at Francis Xavier School, with Maribeth Batcha in the Chair, David Moss as Secretary, Tim Platt on the Table, Charlie Rodgers attending, and Imani Q'ryn attending

Open Forum

Jesse Rosenfeld – On getting out the vote
Eric Frumin – On items in voting ballot
Sasha Malamoud – Question to the Environmental Committee

Coordinator Reports

Lisa Moore. General Coordinator – On Inaugural Selection Group for Pension Advisory Panel Committee
Joe Holtz. General Coordinator – Financial Statement for the 36 weeks ending October 7th, 2018, plus Q&A
Jess Robinson – General Coordinator. On Membership Services
Elinoar Astrinsky – General Coordinator. On Holiday Report

Committee Reports

Sarah Chandler. Terracycle – On what Terracycle is
Azadeh Khalili. Diversity and Equality Committee – On complaints of bias and discrimination
Eric Frumin. Labor Committee – On farm labor practices
Bart DeCoursey. ITES – On NAFTA

Item 1: Treasurer Election (15 minutes)

Election: The Treasurer is one of the PSFC's required corporate officer positions, all of which are typically filled each year at the June General Meeting. The Treasurer elected at the June 2018 GM has resigned. According to article VII of the PSFC's By-Laws, "In case of an officer position becoming vacant, there shall be an election at the next director's meeting to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term." The Treasurer is one of the two corporate officer positions that may be filled from the membership-at-large, and does not need to be held by a member of the Board of Directors. Members may be nominated from the floor.

—submitted by the General Coordinators

Lisa Moore Presenting
Joe Holtz nominated as sole candidate
Joe Holtz presenting. Plus Q&A
Ballots distributed and collected
Results returned later in the meeting

YES	NO
234	15

Item 2: Annual Agenda Committee Election (15 minutes)

Election: Two two-year terms are open. Current committee members Cynthia Payne and Michael Katzenellenbogen will stand for re-election.

—submitted by the Agenda Committee

Fran Hawthorne presenting
Cynthia Payne and Michael Ellenkatzenbogen up for re-election
Ballots distributed and collected
Results returned later in the meeting

	YES	NO
Cynthia Payne	120	4
Michael Ellenkatzenbogen	123	1

Item 3: Annual Renewal of Coca-Cola Boycott (15 minutes)

Proposal: The Coop is currently boycotting Coca-Cola products. As per a General meeting decision, all Coop boycotts have to be renewed annually. The proposal is to continue the Coop's boycott of Coca-Cola products.

—submitted Lew Friedman

Lew Friedman presenting, plus Q&A
Motion made to enact proposal
Seconded
Comments section
Hand vote called by Chair
Overwhelming majority for boycott

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Item 4: Dispute Resolution Committee Oversight (45 minutes)

Discussion: We propose to require Oversight and Transparency for the Dispute Resolution Committee, and add the right to appeal decisions in cases of misconduct and violation of DRC guidelines Any judicial system requires checks and balances. As of now, there is no formal way to appeal or question the Dispute Resolution Committee's decisions or any way to file a formal grievance about their actions. The committee claims its decisions are final and cannot be appealed. They also claim the right to withhold evidence or even formally name accusers. As a result, we propose the ability for a member to report directly to the Hearing Administration Committee when pertaining to issues involving the DRC. As currently constructed, the DRC will not hold a hearing involving themselves or one of their own committee members.

—submitted by *Malcolm Armstrong*

Malcom Armstrong presenting, plus !&A
Comments section

Minutes

No suggested edits from the Minutes from the September 25th, 2018 General Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting:

Board members Joe Holtz (ex-officio), Sukey Tamarkin, Allen Zimmerman, Bill Penner, Imani Q'ryn, 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 Minutes from September 25th, 2018
The Board voted 5 – 0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members with regard to agenda item #1, with Joe Holtz recusing himself for this one item

The Board voted 6 – 0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members with regard to agenda item #2
The Board voted 6 – 0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members with regard to agenda item #3

Comments

None

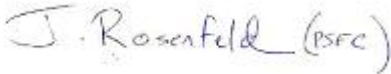
Announcements

None

Rideshare

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM



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