

Minutes of the Tuesday, May 28, 2019 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 beginning at 7:15 p.m. at Francis Xavier School, with Imani Q'ryn in the Chair, Tim Platt as Secretary, Dan Hegwood on the Table, with Charlie Rodgers and Maribeth Batcha attending.

Open Forum

Ruth Willner – On retirement policy
Jan Clausen – On letters rejected
Unnamed – On reducing plastic waste
Mark Thompson – On Coop union organizing
Gillian – On Coop union organizing
Ev – On Coop union organizing
Laurel – On Coop union organizing
Eddie Rosenthal – On Coop union organizing
Zack Shullman – On Coop union organizing

Committee Reports

Bart DeCoursey. ITES – On international trade developments
Eric Frumin. Labor Committee – On Fair Food Program

Coordinator Reports

Joe Holtz. General Coordinator – Preliminary Financial Report for the first twelve weeks ending April 28th, 2019, plus Q&A
Lisa Moore. General Coordinator – On pension plan
Elinoar Astrinsky. General Coordinator – On inventory system being rewritten

Item 1: Annual Revolving Loan Committee Election (15 minutes)

Election: One current committee member will be presented for re-election.

—submitted by the Revolving Loan Committee

Joe Holtz presenting. Introducing Cathy Martino, plus Q&A

Ballots distributed. Audience calls for show of hands. Chair agrees. Vote conducted by show of hands
Overwhelming in favor of electing Cathy Martino

Item 2: Banking Resolutions for Coop's Bank Accounts (15 minutes)

Proposal: • To approve the attached required Corporate Resolution for our new CD account at the National Cooperative Bank and
• To acknowledge the Coop's other accounts at Sterling Bank, Spring Bank, the People's Alliance Federal Credit Union, and the National Cooperative Bank and
• To approve any additional accounts at the above listed banks/credit unions that may be needed •
To authorize the General Coordinators to open any additional accounts that may be needed at other credit unions and/or other New York area community banks • To authorize the Coop's elected officers to sign any bank documents that require their signatures

—submitted by Joe Holtz, General Coordinator

Joe Holtz presenting, plus Q&A

Proposal read. Seconded

Comments section

Chair calls for a show of hands.

Motion passes by a show of hands overwhelmingly in favor of proposal

Item 3: Pension Advisory Committee Election (25 minutes)

Election: Five candidates will be nominated to the Pension Advisory Committee consisting of five members and two staff.

—submitted by the Inaugural Selection Group for the Pension Advisory Committee

Ballots distributed before presentation

Lisa Moore presenting

Candidates introducing themselves: Jesse Shapiro, Allison Thrush, Ben Millard, Kathy Martino, Avi Fisher, Nils Mellquist
Q&A

Ballots collected

Item 4: Transparency and Accountability at the Linewaiters' Gazette (35 minutes)

Proposal: Every time a letter is rejected, the editors must reply specifying the reasons and specifying which words and/or phrases in the letter are objectionable. Rejection letters must come with checkboxes next to the reason and be marked. Entire letters cannot be rejected. Only specific objectionable words and phrases will be highlighted for transparency. Highlights must be reasonably related to the aforementioned checkboxes.

—submitted by Jesse Rosenfeld

Ballots distributed before presentation

Jesse Rosenfeld presenting

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Q&A, plus comments section

Proposal to postpone vote, to table the vote

Seconded

Vote by show of hands overwhelmingly against postponing meeting

Proposal to extend meeting by ten minutes

Seconded

Vote by show of hands overwhelmingly against extending meeting

Announcement about Pension Advisory Committee results

Jesse Shapiro – three year term

Alison Thrush – three year term

Kathy Martino – three year term

Avi Fisher – two year term

Nils Mellquist – two year term

Ben Millard – not elected

Minutes

One suggested edits from the Minutes from the March 26th, 2019 General Meeting. Typo found. Secretary to the Meeting accepts Amendment to the minutes

Rideshare and Feedback for the Meeting

Announcements:

Chair committee allows members to leave before all ballot results announcements

Results for agenda item #4: Motion denied. 74 Yes / 247 No

Board of Directors' Meeting:

Board members Joe Holtz (ex-officio), Bill Penner, Allen Zimmerman, Imani Q'ryn, Sukey Tamarkin, 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 April 30th, 2019, including amendent

The Board voted 6 – 0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members election with regard to agenda item #1


The Board voted 6 – 0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members voting in favor of proposal #2

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

The Board voted 6 – 0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members with regard to tabling agenda item #4

The Board voted 6 – 0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members voting against proposal #4

Meeting adjourned at 9:45PM



Jesse Rosenfeld, Secretary
Park Slope Food Coop
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