

## **Minutes of the Tuesday, September 24, 2019 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting**

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 beginning at 7:15 p.m. at John Jay High School, with Josef Szende in the Chair, Maribeth Batcha as Secretary, Tim Platt on the Table, with Charlie Rogers and David Moss attending.

### **Open Forum**

Diedre Brell – On Union Organizing  
Mat Wildey – On Union Organizing  
Susan Metz – On Fund Raising  
Nancy Crumbley – On lack of clarity in the Gazette  
Joe Holtz – On Retirement Policy

### **Coordinator Reports**

Joe Holtz – General Coordinator. Presenting the Coop Financial Statement. 28 weeks ending August 18, 2019. Plus Q&A,  
Elinora Astrinsky – On PSFC construction projects

### **Committee Reports**

Racine Collins – Labor Committee. On improving labor conditions  
Bart DeCoursey – ITES. On NAFTA 2.0

### **Item 1: Annual Hearing Officers Committee Election (10 minutes)**

**Election:** Three current committee members will stand for re-election. Hearing Officers work on an FTOP basis when needed and serve three-year terms.

—submitted by the Hearing Officer Committee

Liam Malanaphy, Marion Hertz, and Andrea Hirshmann presenting  
Ballots distributed and collected

### **Item 2: Annual Hearing Administration Committee Election (10 minutes)**

**Election:** One current committee member will stand for re-election. Hearing Administrators work on an FTOP basis when needed and serve three-year terms.

—submitted by the Hearing Administration Committee

Michael Sterowitz presenting  
Ballots distributed and collected  
Q&A and comments

### **Item 3: Replace All Fossil Fuel-Based, Resin-plastic Bags and Wrap (40 min.)**

**Discussion:** By December 31, 2019, stop using fossil fuel-based, resin-plastic bags/wrap for Food Processing, produce, bulk, meat, bread, cheese, garbage, and recycling, and sell shoppers bags (no mark-up) for produce/bulk/bread (to reduce bag use). Replace all above with compostable, plant-resin plastic bags/wrap (nonGMO if possible).

—submitted by Tracy Fitz and Aron Namenwirth

Tracy Fitz and Aron Namenwirth presenting  
Q&A plus comments

### **Item 4: TerraCycle Squad: Budget Renewal - April 2019 - end of March 2020 (30 minutes)**

**Discussion:** Coop members have been making use of our TerraCycle collections, especially our ZeroWaste soft plastics. In order to continue this successful and popular program, which has more and more users each month, we need to renew our budget. In May 2017 we were approved for \$6000 for 1 year. In March 2018 we were approved for \$12,000. In March 2019, we requested \$20,000 and the vote did not pass. At the Sept 2019 meeting, we plan to request only \$5000 for this budget period (4/19-3/20). The combination of a new shipping system and cash donations from members brings our costs way down.

—submitted by Sarah Chandler of the TerraCycle Committee

Sarah Chandler and Rabbi Sugarman presenting  
Q&A plus comments

**ELECTION RESULTS:** All candidates from Hearing Officers Committee and the Hearing Administrative Committee elected by overwhelming majority.

### **Minutes**

August Minutes delayed by 30 days due to fact-checking. No suggested edits from the July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes.

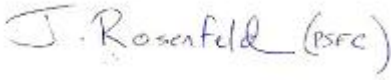
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### **Board of Directors' Meeting:**

Board members Joe Holtz (ex-officio), Sukey Tamarkin, Rachel Asher, and Bill Penner were present for the vote  
The Board voted 4 – 0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members with regard to the Minutes from July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 GM  
The Board voted 4 – 0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members with regard to agenda item #1  
The Board voted 4 – 0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members with regard to agenda item #2

### **Feedback for the Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45PM

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Jesse Rosenfeld, Secretary  
Park Slope Food Coop  
Brooklyn, New York,  
Tuesday, September 24, 2019