

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 beginning at 7:15 p.m. at the MS 51 Public School. David Moss in the Chair, Imani Q'ryn was Secretary, Tim Platt was on the table, and Joseph Szende attending.

**Announcement pre-Open Forum**

Statement regarding disruption of April Meeting

Request for Disciplinary Committee action on April meeting. No volunteers.

Committee reports limited to four minutes

**Open Forum**

Questions about tomatoes

Diversity and Equality Committee. Comment not recognized as it was an attempt to avoid standard parliamentary procedure and debate issues unrelated to General Meeting business.

Point of order raised. "What is not allowed to be discussed?" David Moss answers.

Comment about Driscoll Boycott to support farm workers

Sitting on fire monument

Encouraging fair-trade and organic produce closer to home

**Coordinator's Reports**

Mike Eakin. General Coordinator. Preliminary Financial Report

**Committee Reports**

Anna from Animal Welfare Committee

Bart and Susan for ITES. On TPP and Fast Track Authority

Kara Kramer for Disciplinary Committee

**Item 1: Impromptu item request for a General Coordinators' "Coop-Wide Referendum Ballot"**

Susan Sternberg of Agenda Committee raises point of order. Members of AC and membership not notified of item in person, or in the Gazette, and was not a discussion item first. Affects order of duly submitted items already submitted to AC.

Motion to overrule the Chair

Seconded

Chair Committee reads from Section 4F of the Roberts Rules of Order. "Emergency items may take place over items of the General Agenda". (*Note: The General Coordinators did not use the phrase "Emergency Item" at any time. The Chair Committee were the first to use the phrase.*)

Microphone given over to objections concerning "emergency" item: item not vetted by AC; is "...an undemocratic process..."; open request to membership to overrule the Chair.

David Moss explains legal basis for "emergency" action. "The General Coordinators are in the best position to determine what an emergency is."

Point of information raised: "How is there no legal basis to given to overrule Chair?"

David Moss explains there is a basis for such an action set in precedent.

Vote proposed to put GC's item on the agenda. "Yes" means put item on agenda. "No" means don't put item on agenda.

Hand vote taken. 109 "yes" to 119 "no". Item removed from GM.

**Item 2: Revolving Loan Committee Election (25 minutes)**

**Election:** One current committee member will stand for re-election.

—submitted by the Revolving Loan Committee

Rachel Porter up for election

Questions for Rachel

Voice vote for Rachel. Overwhelming 'Yes'.

**Item 2: Agenda Committee Election**

**Election:** Two candidates will be presented for election to the Agenda Committee. The candidates will serve two-year terms. The Agenda Committee goes through an extensive interviewing process. There are no nominations from the floor

*—submitted by the Agenda Committee*

Lily for Agenda Committee introducing two candidates Fran Hawthorne and Gil Ronen  
Questions from the floor  
Move to vote  
Motion to move to hand-count. Seconded.  
David Moss lists four criteria for a hand vote instead of a ballot  
Unanimous in favor of both candidates

**Item 3: TerraCycle-PSFC Partnership for Recycling (40 minutes)**

**Proposal:** TerraCycle-PSFC Partnership for Recycling (40 minutes) Proposal: The Coop will initiate a minimum of two collection work shifts of three members each per month, under special designation of the Environmental Issues Committee, and in free partnership with TerraCycle, for a variety of recyclables currently not accepted by NYC.

*—submitted by Rosemary Calderon*

Rosemary presenting  
Questions from the floor  
Proposal read  
Seconded Comment period  
Move to vote on proposal  
Hand vote unanimous

**Presentation of Minutes:**

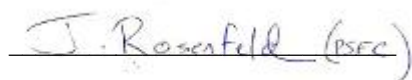
Suggested changes and edits were given for the April 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 minutes. Changes submitted to standard recipients.

**Board of Directors' vote:**

Statements made by Bill Penner and Imani Q'ryn regarding governing process  
Board members Joe Holtz (ex-officio), Imani Q'ryn, Monique Bowen, Zoey Laksaris, and Bill Penner were present for the vote.  
The Board voted 5 – 0 in favor of accepting the minutes.  
The Board voted 5 – 0 in favor of accepting membership advice on agenda item #3  
The Board voted 5 – 0 in favor of accepting membership advice on agenda item #1  
The Board voted 5 – 0 in favor of accepting membership advice on agenda item #2

**Wrap up**

Comments on conducting meeting  
Thanks given to BOD directors



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