

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 beginning at 7:15 p.m. at the St. Francis Xavier School, with Maribeth Batcha in the Chair, Tim Platt as Secretary, David Moss on the table, Josef Szende on the table, Charlie Rogers on the table, Imani Q'ryn on the table, and Carl Arnold attending.

Coordinator's Reports

Mike Eakin (General Coordinator) – Financial report for 48 weeks ending January 3rd, 2016

Joe Szladek (General Coordinator) – Produce report

Item 1: Create a Special End Cap or Other Designated Area Where Both Israeli and Palestinian Products Will be Place Side By Side (30 Minutes)

Discussion: This proposal creates a paradigm that symbolizes our collective desire to end the replication for the conflict in our Coop. In the PSFC we will take this symbolic action as a means to end the damaging effect that this issue has had on the Coop and many individual members and cap it with a gesture of civility.

-- Submitted by Rodger Parsons

Rodger Parsons presenting

Agenda item read

Q&A session

Discussion session

Item 2: A Smarter, More Cooperative Boycott Policy (45 minutes)

Proposal: Officially establish PSFC's boycott policy. The guidelines are too vague, suggesting a 51-49% majority to pass a boycott. The official majority should be at least 75%.

-- Submitted by Jesse Rosenfeld

Jesse Rosenfeld presenting

Q&A followed by discussion and then a vote by paper ballot. Preceding the vote there was a motion to table which failed: vote being 130 to table and 270 to not table. Also prior to the counting of the ballots Chair suggests motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. So moved. Seconded. Chair calls for show of hands. Hand vote taken and counted to extend the meeting.

Vote for Agenda Item #2: 294 YES and 192 NO with a total of 486 total votes.

Presentation of Minutes:

No edits or suggestions made regarding the December 15th, 2015 minutes.

Board of Directors' Meeting:

Board members Joe Holtz (ex-officio), Eunju Lee, Bill Penner, Imani Q'ryn and Jesse Rosenfeld were present for the vote. The Board voted 5 – 0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members with regard to the minutes for December 15th, 2015. The Board voted 5 – 0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members with regard to Agenda item #2.

Rideshare

Meeting adjourned at 9:40

Jesse Rosenfeld, Secretary

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