The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 beginning at 7:15 p.m. at Francis Xavier School, with Josef Szende in the Chair, Charlie Rogers as Secretary, David Moss on the Table, Carl Arnold attending, and Imani Q'ryn attending.

### **Open Forum**

Baruch Weismann – On creating workslot credit to assist invalid Coop members Naomi Brussel – On delayed SodaStream vote Johnathan Hessney – On pension fund Joe Holtz – On delayed SodaStream vote and on pension fund Jesse Rosenfeld – On activists willfully misrepresenting the Coop

#### **Coordinator's Reports**

Mike Eakin. General Coordinator – Financial report for 32 weeks, period ending September 11, 2016. Plus Q&A Joe Szladek. General Coordinator – Produce Report. Q&A

#### **Committee Reports**

Susan Metz – ITES – Dakota Uprising, XL Pipeline and TPP Bart DeCoursey – ITES – Forum announcement for TPP

### Agenda Item 1: Annual Hearing Officers Committee Election (20 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 Marian Hertz and Liam Malanaphy presenting Marian Hertz, Liam Malanaphy, and Andrea Hirshman up for re-election Q&A Motion to vote by hand. Noted, but member asked to wait a bit longer. Q&A continued. Chair explains that the vote will be conducted by ballot. Motion to overrule the Chair (in favor of hand vote) Seconded Chair asks audience for show of hands for who supports a hand-vote to re-elect Hearing Officers Show of hands supports a hand-vote Overwhelming majority in favor of re-electing all three candidates

### Item 2: Annual Agenda Committee Election (20 minutes)

Election: One current committee member will stand for re-election to a two-year term. Fran Hawthorne presenting Michael Katzenellenbogen up for re-election Michael presents candidate speech Chair calls for vote by hand. Overwhelming majority in favor of re-election

# Item 3: Establishment of PSFC Labor Committee (45 minutes)

**Discussion:** We propose to create a PSFC Labor Committee that would systematize the way information on food workers' struggles is received, would keep the GM and leadership abreast of these efforts and ways in which the Coop might engage with them. The PSFC has a unique role in the world of food justice advocates. As a large-scale purchaser of many food products, the Coop has clout and can support ongoing food worker organizing efforts where the Coop sees fit.

—submitted by Richard Mandelbaum and Eric Frumin Richard Mandelbaum and Nancy Romer presenting Q&A

#### **Presentation of Minutes:**

No suggested edits or suggestions for the minutes for the July 26th or August 30th, 2016 General Meeting

# **Board of Directors' Meeting:**

Board members Imani Q'ryn, Joe Holtz (ex-officio), Allen Zimmerman, Rachel Asher, Eunju Lee, and Bill Penner were present for the vote

The Board voted 6 - 0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members with regard to the minutes for July  $26^{th}$  and August  $30^{th}$ , 2016

The Board voted 6-0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members with regard to Agenda Item #1 The Board voted 6-0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members with regard to Agenda Item #2

# Rideshare

**Wrap-Up** Comments about how the meeting run Meeting adjourned at 9:40

J. Rosenfeld (BFC)

Jesse Rosenfeld, Secretary Park Slope Food Coop Brooklyn, New York, September 27, 2016