

Minutes of the August 27, 2013 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at MS 51, David Moss being in the Chair and Tim Platt acting as Chair Secretary.

Warm up:

Printed materials were made available, and the Chair introduced the meeting.

Open Forum:

Member raised a question regarding the use of paper bags in the produce aisle for mushrooms. The meeting discussed the Open Forum item.

Coordinators' Reports:

General Coordinator Janet Schumacher reported on a recent trip to Italy sponsored by Bionature, three new job openings and other developments in the grocery department. General Coordinator Allen Zimmerman made a produce report. There was no financial report presented.

Committee Reports:

Rachel Porter of the Revolving Loan Committee announced work slot openings on the committee, the date of the Coop's 40th Anniversary Party on Sept 28, the need for members to work on the Anniversary Party and the launch of the Fund for New Coops in September.

Agenda Item #1: Amendment to 2006 Retiree Health Benefits Plan

"Proposal: Amending Retiree Health Benefits to reflect new names of Medicare health plans and Medicare Part D. This is an amendment to clarify language, not a change of intent.—submitted by the General Coordinators"

General Coordinator Ann Herpel presented this item. There were no questions from the floor. The proposal passed overwhelmingly by hand vote.

Agenda Item #2: Letter to Elected Officials Regarding Free Trade Agreements

The meeting announcement description of this item stated,

"Discussion: That a letter from the officers of the Park Slope Food Coop be sent to all elected officials representing Brooklyn to express our intense concern about the current secret negotiations of "free trade" agreements, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), that could damage food safety regulations in the U.S.—submitted by Susan Metz, Marsha Champlin, Susan Johnson

Susan Metz, Susan Johnson and Alice Joyce Alcalal introduced the item and the meeting discussed it.

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Presentation of minutes:

Minutes from the June 25, 2013, Annual and General Meetings and from the July 30, 2013, General Meeting were presented. No changes were made.

Board of Directors' vote:

Board members Jess Robinson (ex-officio), Bill Penner, Imani Q'ryn, and Zoey Laskaris were present for the vote. The Board voted 4 – 0 to accept the advice of the members on Agenda Item #1, Amendment to the 2006 Retiree Health Benefits Plan.

Wrap up:

The Chair opened the floor for meeting evaluation comments. The Chair invited ride share announcements / exchange.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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