

Minutes of the September 24, 2013 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at MS 51, Carl Arnold 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:

Members raised questions regarding concerns about radioactive food from Japan, and concerns about voting procedures.

Coordinators' Reports:

Mike Eakin – General Coordinator. Made the financial report, and questions were raised from the floor.

Jess Robinson – General Coordinator. Announcements about PSFC 40 year anniversary, fund for new food coops, open positions at PSFC, and open workslots.

Allen Zimmerman – General Coordinator. Gave produce report.

Bill Penner – Board of Directors. Questions about accounting procedures.

Joe Holtz – General Coordinator. On why Agenda item #1 is withdrawn.

Nancy Romer – Brooklyn Food Coalition. Announcement about SNAP Program food stamps.

Agenda Item #1: Annual Hearing Officers Committee Election (20 minutes)

Election: Up to seven 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 and Marion from Hearing Officer Committee introduced the item.

Questions from floor.

5 candidates on the ballot: Marion Hertz, Andrea Hirshman, Liam Malanaphy,

Margareth Simon, Danielle Sucher.

Ballots distributed

Agenda Item #2: Discussion: Discuss new Linewaiters' Gazette submissions guidelines to replace the current ones which have not been approved by the General Meeting.

—*submitted by David Barouh*

David Barouh introduced the item and the meeting discussed it.

Results of election:

All 5 candidates for Hearing Officers reelected with clear plurality of "Yes" votes for all.

Agenda Item #3: Letter to Congress to Vote No on Fast Track for Trade Agreements (25 minutes)

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Proposal: That we send to all Congress members from NYC a letter asking them to "Vote no on fast track authority for Pres. Obama" on free trade agreements.

—submitted by Susan Johnson, Alice Joyce-Alcala, Susan Metz

Susan Metz introduced the item.

Questions and comments from the floor.

Vote taken on whether to send letter.

Overwhelming show of hands in favor of sending the letter.

Board of Directors' vote:

Board members Joe Holtz (ex-officio), Eunje Lee, Bill Penner, Imani Q'ryn, and Zoey Laskaris were present for the vote.

The Board voted 5 – 0 to accept advice of the members on minutes of the July 30, 2013 General Meeting.

The Board voted 5 – 0 to accept advice of the members on minutes of the June 25, 2013 Annual Meeting.

The Board voted 5 – 0 to accept advice of the members on minutes of the June 25, 2013 General Meeting.

The Board voted 5 – 0 to accept advice of the members on minutes of the August 27, 2013 General Meeting.

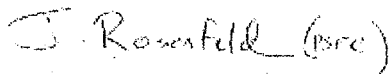
The Board voted 5 – 0 to accept advice of the members on Agenda #1.

The Board voted 5 – 0 to accept advice of the members on Agenda #3.

Wrap up:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Approved at the 10/29/2013 meeting