

Minutes of the October 29, 2013 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at MS 51, with Tim Platt in the Chair, Maribeth Batcha as Chair Secretary, and David Moss attending.

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 questions about arsenic in brown rice.

Coordinators' Reports:

Mike Eakin – General Coordinator. Made the financial report for the 36th week of the financial year ending October 13th, 2013, and questions were raised from the floor.

Jess Robinson – General Coordinator. Open positions still available at PSFC, and on how labor shortages appear depending on the time of day.

Joe Holtz – General Coordinator. On fracking, the Coop's birthday, new meeting dates for the upcoming General Meetings, and possible construction at MS 51.

Committee Reports:

Rachel Porter – Loan Committee, on funds for new coops.

Margaret Maugenest – GMO labeling committee.

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

Election: One member whose term has expired is seeking reelection.

—*submitted by the Agenda Committee*

Susan Stenberg up for reelection

Questions from floor. Do we need permission to vote for someone who is not present at the meeting?

Ballots distributed

Motion made. Jessica proposed show of hands instead.

Platt called for vote to suspend written ballots and do vote by hand. Seconded.

Voted overwhelmingly for show of hands. Ballots recalled.

Votes overwhelmingly in favor of Susan Stenberg.

Agenda Item #2: Boycott Renewal:

Renewal: To continue boycotting Coca-Cola products.

—*submitted by Lew Friedman*

Lew Friedman for the campaign introduced the item and formally presented the motion to continue the boycott. Seconded.

Votes overwhelmingly in favor of passing by show of hands.

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Agenda Item #3: Linewriter's Gazette Editorial Policies.

Proposal:

- a) Linewriters' Gazette editorial policies are valid only if they've been approved by the General Meeting.
- b) Word-counts for all members are 1,200 words for articles with extensions possible, and 500 words for letters.
- c) Irreconcilable disputes between writers and editors will be arbitrated by seven members randomly selected by the Disciplinary Hearing Committee to read, discuss, and vote on alleged violations of approved policies

—submitted by David Barouh

Part C is withdrawn.

Questions from the floor

Discussion complete

Proposal submitted.

Votes counted by show of hands: Yes: 48. No: 68.

Presentation of minutes:

Minutes from the September 24th, 2013, General Meeting were presented. No changes were made.

Board of Directors' vote:

Board members Joe Holtz (ex-officio), Eunje Lee, Bill Penner, Monique Bowen, and Zoey Laskaris were present for the vote.

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 #2.

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 9:15 p.m.

J. Rosenfeld (sre)

Jesse Rosenfeld, Secretary

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