

Minutes of the February 25th, 2014 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Bishop Ford High School, with Carl Arnold in the Chair, Imani Q'ryn as Secretary, Aurora Katz on the table, and Maribeth Batcha on the table.

Warm up:

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

Open Forum:

Labelling of GMO foods

Updated online membership manual

Coordinators' Reports:

Mike Eakin – General Coordinator. Gave abbreviated financial report.

Joe Holtz – General Coordinator. Installation of new check-out stations

Committee Reports:

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

Coop Concert Committee – Concerts at Ethical Culture Society

Agenda Item #1:

Proposal: Reduce Plastic Bag Roll Use (90 minutes)

(The original "Plastic Roll Bag Phaseout" proposal has evolved based on feedback and suggestions from the membership.)

This proposal aims to reduce the Coop's dependence on plastic roll bags on the shopping floor by:

- Ending the free distribution of plastic roll bags and making them available for purchase at a minimal cost of 20¢ per bag.
- Ensuring the Coop stocks a selection of low-cost, lightweight, reusable roll bag alternatives.
- Improving floor signage and access to reusable bags.
- Encouraging members to reuse plastic bags already taken from the Coop and elsewhere.
- Providing educational activities and communications to help with member transition.
- Ensuring the Coop implements a method of selling plastic roll bags by April 2014.

The Coop's free distribution of plastic roll bags, when sustainable options and practices are available, violates our Mission Statement and Environmental Policy. The goal of this proposal is to encourage bag reuse, help reduce plastic waste, and raise awareness about this environmentally damaging material.

—submitted by *The Environmental Committee*

Jenna Speivak and Ilyan Kadushin of Environmental Committee read their proposal.

Questions from the floor

Proposal read again and raised for a vote

Seconded

Comments from floor

Ballots distributed

Comments continued

Ballots collected.

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The Chair invited ride share announcements / exchange.

Votes tallied:

263 – Yes

354 – Against

5 – Invalid

Presentation of minutes:

Minutes from the January 28th, 2014 General Meeting were presented. No edits or changes were suggested.

Board of Directors' vote:

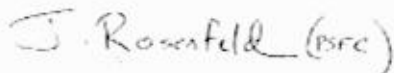
Board members Joe Holtz (ex-officio), Bill Penner, Monique Bowen, Eunju Lee, Zoe Laskaris, and Imani Q'ryn were present for the vote.

The Board voted 6 – 0 to accept the minutes from the January 28th, 2014 General Meeting.

The Board voted 6 – 0 to accept advice of the members on Agenda #1.

Wrap up:

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Jesse Rosenfeld, Secretary

Park Slope Food Coop

Brooklyn, New York

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Minutes approved at the March 25, 2014 Board of Directors meeting.