

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 beginning at 7:15 p.m. at the MS 51 Public School. Maribeth Batcha being in the Chair, David Moss as Chair Secretary, and Imani Q'ryn on Table.

### **General Meeting Agenda**

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

Trisha Leith. General Coordinator with the 20-week financial statement for the week ending June 22, 2014.

Ann Herpel. General Coordinator with updates on construction project at Coop.

Allen Zimmerman. General Coordinator with produce report.

#### **Committee Reports**

Joe Holtz. General Coordinator speaking about the pension plan. Questions from the floor.

Gregg Todd. Report from the GMO labeling squad. Questions from floor.

Matt Kleiman. IT committee for website redesign.

#### **Agenda Item #1: Formation of the Fair Trade Committee (30 minutes)**

**Discussion:** That a committee be constituted to follow, inform members and suggest positions on international trade negotiations whose stipulations might affect governmental policy related to food or to cooperative enterprises.

—submitted by Susan Metz

Susan Metz presenting.

Questions from floor.

#### **Agenda Item #2: Annual Hearing Administration Committee Election (30 minutes)**

**Election:** The Committee will present one new candidate for election. Hearing administrators work on an FTOP basis when needed, and serve three-year terms.

—submitted by the Hearing Administration Committee

Robert Matson presenting.

Questions from the floor.

#### **Agenda Item #3: Discontinue Eden Foods Due to Anti-Contraceptive Policy (30 minutes)**

**Discussion: Part I:** Because Eden Foods has elected to not cover their female employees for contraceptive health care, resolved to not carry their products until Eden Foods changes their policy.

**Part II:** Resolved to form a committee to contact other retailers to form a coalition to address and publicize this issue. —submitted by Melvin Hess

Presenter not present. Motion to postpone until Agenda Committee can put it back on agenda. Seconded.

Call for a show of hands for and against postponement. Too close to count by looking. Recall for show of hands. Votes counted individually for and against motion.

Count is 130 to postpone and 70 to not postpone.

Question from floor about postponement. Agenda Comommittee provides clarification on procedure. Joe Holtz provides further clarification.

Questions and comments from floor about vote's procedure.

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

Minutes from the June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 General Meeting were presented. No edits or changes were suggested.

#### **Board of Directors' vote:**

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

The Board voted 5 – 0 to accept the minutes from the June 24th, 2014 General Meeting.  
The Board voted 5 – 0 to accept advice of the members on Agenda #2.

Further comments from floor about meeting process regarding **Agenda Item #3: Discontinue Eden Foods.**  
Motion to reconsider the tabling of the Agenda Item #3.

Seconded.

Discussion on reconsidering the motion (untabling it).

Vote by show of hands called to reconsider tabling of the vote. Chair Committee defined what the vote was about. A "Yes" vote equals reconsideration of the motion to table the vote. A "No" vote equals tabling vote until official presenter can be present.

Overwhelming show of hands for a "No" vote.

Discussion retabled.

**Wrap up**

Rideshare announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45

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