

## **Minutes of the Tuesday, February 25, 2025 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting**

The monthly General Meeting (GM) of the Park Slope Food Coop (PSFC) was held at the Prospect Park Picnic House on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, beginning at 7:10 p.m. A few weeks beforehand, an announcement about the scheduled meeting and the agenda were posted on the PSFC website, foodcoop.com, inviting members to participate. Meeting materials were made available to all Coop members by email before the meeting. Chair Committee members David Moss and Imani Q'ryn served as chair and secretary.

### **Open Forum**

Items raised by members included an expression of interest in hybrid GMs, a reminder to check in at the desk before sitting down at the GM, an announcement about GM agenda items a member submitted, notice about an opening on the Chair Committee, as well as on the board of directors, and criticism of the tone in some *Linewaiters' Gazette* letters. The meeting discussed the open forum items.

### **Financial Report and General Coordinators' (GC) Reports**

General Manager, GC and treasurer Joe Holtz referred to a slide show while discussing the financial report for the Preliminary 53-week period ending 02/02/25, which had been distributed to members via email before the meeting. GC Elinor Astrinsky spoke about member labor needs for skilled repair jobs and in Receiving. GC Joe Szladek made a report, which included member trainings to do front end and basement support work and information on research into hybrid GM logistics. The meeting discussed the reports.

### **Committee Reports**

Valerie Vadala of the Personnel Committee-formed Executive Search team tasked with reviewing General Manager applications made a report on the progress of the search, and answered member questions. International Trade Education Committee (ITES) member Bart DeCoursy made a report concerning tariffs.

### **Agenda item 1 – Discussion: Democratize the Coop Bulletin Board**

Member Keyian Vafai introduced the item, utilizing a slide show presentation, and the members discussed it for about 50 minutes. Below, in italics, is the item description included in the GM agenda announcement.

*Allow the entirety of the Park Slope Food Coop membership to post on the new Coop bulletin board in the corner entrance at the Coop.*

### **Presentation of Minutes**

Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier presented the minutes of the January 28, 2025 GM, which were approved by general consent.

### **Board of Directors' Meeting**

Brandon West chaired the Board of Directors' meeting. All board members were present: Tess Brown-Lavoie, Joe Holtz, Tim Hospodar, Imani Q'ryn, Keyian Vafai and Brandon West. All

members of the board voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on the minutes of the January 28, 2025 GM.

The meeting concluded at 8:58 p.m.



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Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary  
Park Slope Food Coop  
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March 6, 2025  
(Approved by the March 25, 2025 PSFC GM)