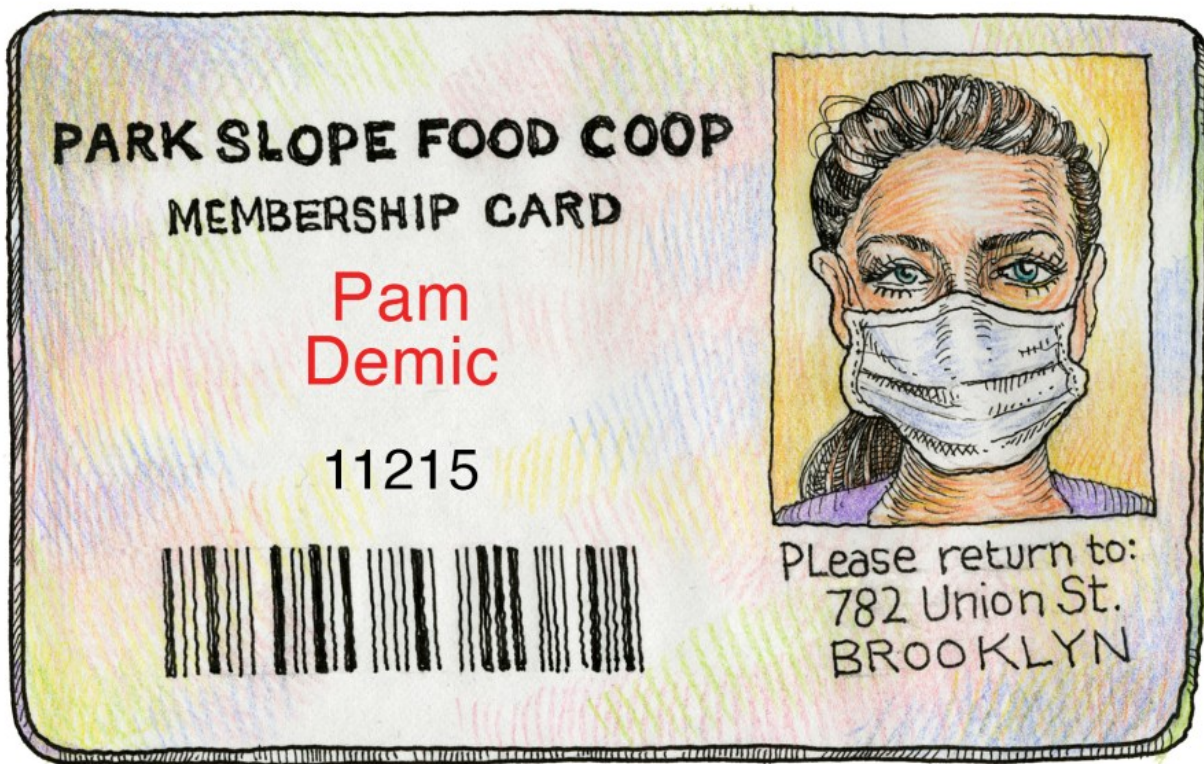


CORONAVIRUS PUTS COOP IN FINANCIAL SQUEEZE

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By Leila Darabi

The Covid-19 crisis has put the Coop in a financial squeeze as sales have nosedived and labor costs have increased due to new safety procedures.

The details of that squeeze and the Coop's strategy for dealing with it were explained on April 1 by Coop co-founder and general manager Joe Holtz in an interview with the *Gazette*. He also talked about supply lines, safety procedures and the pressure the pandemic is putting on the staff.



IDEA

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Can we have a loosening of designated non-member shoppers for senior citizens? We are more afraid of contact, some of us have disabilities that allow us to shop normally but we cannot stand on lines for a long time, we are very vulnerable, many have underlying conditions.

Please get this info to the powers that be!

*Thank you,
Emily Cohen*

SENIORS

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have many elderly friends, and am myself over 65 years old. During this crisis would it be too complicated to either allow us to shop by going ahead of the long line to get in, or possibly by setting special hours when we could come and thereby avoid the younger, hardier population altogether?

Thank you very much for keeping the store stocked, and for your consideration.

*Sincerely yours,
Laurie Callahan*

CONTROLLING ENTRY TO THE COOP - A WAY THAT IS FAIR AND LEGAL

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We should not be lining people up on the sidewalk, even if they are 6 feet apart. It is a public health hazard and unfair for members who cannot stand for extended periods of time.

Two recommendations:

- 1) Have members call in (or go online) and select a shopping time. Each household can shop at the Coop once every two weeks. Members have an hour to shop and must arrive within ten minutes of their scheduled time.
- 2) Members who want to show up “a large” can sign in with their phone number and get a text when there is room in the Coop. They have ten minutes to get to the door to enter; they also have an hour to shop. Shopping “at large” does not count against a household’s once-every-two-week rule.

That’s it. My daughter said it’s good idea; maybe you’ll even use it?

Robert Berkman

THANK YOU!!!

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DEAR COOP TEAM,

I’m writing to extend my immense gratitude for all you have been doing to keep the

Coop open, the shelves stocked, and the environment safe, efficient, welcoming and positive. The Coop has been a haven for us during these uncertain days, and I know you have been making significant individual sacrifices and investments. It's simply amazing—a great testament to community and to the human spirit!

If there is a chance to support remotely, please let me know. Wishing you all wellness and calm.

*With thanks,
Laurie Smolenski*

WHY SAD?

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Why sad?

Silly to be sad. Stop it!

To save one life is worth all sacrifice.

That is how the crisis is met.

Allen