

Biogaian Meeting Notes 2-22-2016

Present: Helen, Laura, Brian, Sadhana, Brent, Sylvan, Patricia (notes), Susie, Douglas, Katie (facilitator)

Check-in Question: What motivates you to get out into the garden? What do you get out of it?

Agenda items:

management of Unit 9 pathway implementation
rabbit fencing materials – update/netting?
potting shed roof proposal update
review of intern applications/Susie's interns
grass renewal plans
repair of compost bins/plans for composting
getting gas
seed report
mason bees
next step for ordering fruit trees/Brian's fruit tree

Unit 9 Pathway

The proposal has passed. A contractor has been located. Douglas is requesting that two people besides him help to oversee the implementation of the proposal.

Tasks needing to be done:

- Negotiating with Nartano re lights.
- Confirming the contractor's bid and signing a contract.
- Deciding where to put the dirt from the excavation.
- Making sure the intersecting paths are not blocked.

Katie & Brian (except he can't do much for the next two weeks). Task force will meet at dinner tomorrow (Tuesday).

Rabbit Fencing Materials

A 8x12 inch concrete curb would cost more than \$1,000. If we just do a 6x6 inch curb the cost for the concrete would be about \$358. That would only work if there was also an extension of the wire another 6 inches below the wire.

The 460 feet of fencing delivered cost would \$1150.

Need to price 4x4 pressure treated posts for the front.

Do we have enough money for the whole project? Where would we get the \$? We have approximately \$400-500 for hardscape.

This year we will live with the netting and finish out the edge along the gathering space edge.

Sylvan and Douglas will estimate the total cost of the project for budget purposes

Potting Shed Roof Proposal Update

Douglas and Patricia will work on the details for the cost of the replacement. We need to confirm with the facilities committee to approve the cost.

Steven and Renee may be available to work on the roof replacement in May while Patricia is gone. We need to paint the west side of the barn wall while the roof of the potting shed is off. This could be done by someone other than Steven and Renee.

Intern Report

Susie has interns through mid April.

There are two interns confirmed one April – middle of June, another the middle of June – August.

One potential intern from Cascadia.

Grass Renewal Plans

The grass will be reseeded the end of March. We will need to stay out of the commons until the Festival of the Earth.

Getting Gas

Can we make long-term plan for making sure we don't run out of gas? We need to have a model for refilling them. This time Sylvan & Gregory did it. Need someone who is responsible, check on the gas once a month, refill them when half of them empty. Maybe we should have the emergency preparedness should be responsible. We spent a few minutes imagining a "Pass the Gas" skit for the talent optional show.

Katie is going to contact the Emergency Preparedness committee about whether they will pick up this responsibility.

Repair of Compost Bins

The rats have undermined the bins and they are starting to warp. The rat burrows are becoming a problem. We should plant mint around the bins. Helen will ask Tom to look at the bins and evaluate what it would take to repair them.

Plans for Composting

Sylvan has been organizing the composting but wants to turn it back over to the Piglets. Kai, one of Susie's interns wants to be help.

Seed Report

Have all of the seeds we really need. There are a few specifically requested seeds that we will probably do without. Punacura cucumbers. Kaboka squash. Derby Day cabbage. Arnica. If those who people who want these particular varieties would like to purchase them we will plant them.

Mason Bees

Where do we get mason bees? Brent is a partner with Crown Bees in Woodinville. Brent will get some and will buy more. Mason bees cost about \$35 for 20 cocoons.

Next Step for Fruit Trees

There are several kinds of scion wood that we could graft.

Brian got a 3 variety cherry tree.

Sylvan would like to ask for donated trees for the huglekulture. Will put out an email.

Next Meeting: Monday March 28th
Facilitator: Patricia
Notetaker: Susie