

Biogaian Meeting Minutes

9/11/17

Present: Brian, Susie, Sylvan, Laura, Hayra, Patricia, Brent, Jacob, Douglas, Diane, Joey, Sadhana

Agenda:

Thornless Blackberries
Garden Overlook Party & Terazz Party 10/8
Rabbit Fence & Goat Fence
Baby Trees
Garden Manager Search
Pruning for the Roof Repairs/Brush Pie
Budget

Check In

Fund Raising Parties for the new terrace/garden overlook

Raised \$640 at the sushi party, don't have all the receipts for costs so don't know what net is). The votes gave a slight edge to Terraz. Another option has been added Pizza Piazza.

Action Item: The next Pizza Party on Sunday at noon, October 8th

Fences

Goat Fence: The goats have eaten the area south of the willow and will be moved to the west of Lost Lake. Brent needs a helper to move it. Next it will be moved to the north side of the Oasis. There is no plan to cut or defoliate the canes. We just need to keep putting them back in when it is low growing.

Rabbit Fence: There was a brief meeting of Sylvan, Mark, Christy, Brian, Brent and Nartano and talked about the next steps. The wood posts are going up, almost all of the board is in the ground. If anyone wants to help put up fence posts check with Sylvan. Diane would like to help. Christy is lead on the day to day now that Mark has left but she leaves on October 3rd. It would be good if we could have it finished by that date.

Thornless Blackberries: Brent wants to plant a trellised blackberry on Songaia. Will make a proposal to the community about putting them in. Triple Crown is the variety he wants to grow. Not an invasive species.

Baby Trees: Gregory and Sylvan watered them. 16 trees to begin with. 13 still in the ground. 7 will definitely life and are thriving and 6 that are maybes. Thanks to all who watered them this summer. There is a system but it is difficult

Action Items: We need to add a long hose. Need to replace the plastic jugs. It would be good if we could have more collaboration from Journeys next year. Even though it will start raining we should keep watering them for a while.

Garden Manager: We had 7 applicants, we decided to interview 4, one of those declined. We interviewed 3, selected one and are currently checking references.

Biogaian Budget: Need a person/team to take over the responsibilities of the budget watcher. There was a group of people who met to look at the Biogaian budget – it comes from two sources, the Songaia landscaping and the Garden to Table Budget. The new garden manager will need to have a clear garden budget. We can ask Katie if she will work with the new garden manager to keep the overall budget.

Action Item: We need to submit budget request for next year's budget process.

Pruning and Brush Piles:

Sylvan is planning on chipping the brush pile. Laura would like to add to the brush pile and so would Hayra. Brush from pruning bushes and trees can be chopped and dropped under most trees. Smaller sticks can be dropped on the ground and larger branches can be added to the chipper pile with a commitment to help chip.

Action Item: Material to be chipped should be put in a stack, all of the sticks going in the same direction and approximately 3 feet long. Anything larger than a half-inch in diameter can be added to the chipper pile. Smaller diameter material can be chopped and dropped or added to the compost.

Action Item: Saturday, September 23rd there will be a chipping party at 9:30.

Pruning for the Roof:

Mary has finished pruning the trees around the Common House in preparation for the roof replacement.

Meeting Date Preferences

Monday - 8

Tuesday - 9

Wednesday – 5 and 1 maybe

Thursday - 6

Saturday - 1

Sunday - 5

Next Meeting:

Monday, September 25th

Facilitator: Helen (backup Patricia)

Note Taker: Mary (backup Jacob)