

Biogaian Meeting Agenda January 30th

Facilitator – Patricia

Scribe – Sadhana

Check In: Name one plant have you seen in bloom since December 1st without renaming one already mentioned.

Bulbs in the bowl

Camellia by Patricia's door

Witch Hazel

Primroses

Scented rhodie in pot by Patricia's

- **BIG HOORAY TO HELEN & BRIAN** for creating a wonderful Annual Meeting report.
- **2012 Budget** –Doug/Patricia
 - Review expenditures for last several years
 - Discuss Replacement Reserve categories
 - 2012 Landscape Equipment Replacement \$8600
 - Discuss budget for 2012

Summary report by Patricia in email – how we spent our money – we use about half the budget for “big ticket” items like lights, mushroom chalet, and the rest for smaller categories. For this year, Patricia suggests dedicate half the budget to “hardscape” – next meeting Patricia will have a specific proposal for this year's spending. Everyone look at the budget attachments before next time.

We have a reserve fund line item to manage this year - \$8500 for grounds maintenance equipment (handout from Doug); Doug proposes a subcommittee to look at equipment needs (Doug, Nartano, Brent).

- **Summer Interns Proposal** Michael/Helen

Helen sent out the proposal by email.

Organic farms often get interns in trade for room and board. One concern is liability insurance; Journeys has experience with this so can we have a partnership? (Yes) Proposal is for two interns mid-June to mid-September (3 months) to help Journeys and work in the garden on growing and preserving. Journeys supports the idea. Marnie (NES prospector) has interest in designing an educational program which could include supervising the interns. Next step is to go to FFF to discuss details. Brian had some editing suggestions – group discussion of various issues.

- **Seed Swap/Purchase**
(\$250 transferred from FFF Budget for seed purchase annually)
 - \$22.85 potatoes,
 - Territorial \$130.55,
 - Friends of the Trees \$16.00 –
 - Total \$169.45 to date
 - Will want to purchase scion wood and other plants/seeds as season progresses.

Permaculture group has been really helpful and saved lots of \$ - an ongoing important resource and network.

- **Greenhouse/Potting Shed Renovation Committee Report – 12/27/11 Meeting**

Action Items:

- **Kathleen with Larry's** help will compile a detailed Bill-of-Materials and cost list for the Mother Earth model Hoop House. [Report from Kathleen: \\$268 for 10 x 16 ft. hoop house – estimate sheet to be sent in email.](#) [Magazine: Katie will scan and send the article.](#)
- **Katie and Brent** will remove the old goat box from the Potting Shed.
- **Jean and Katie** will install Temporary shelves at the south end of the potting shed following Jean's pre-existing design.
- **Doug** will research what other cohousing communities have created or done with plant-product based business plan. [Look into 21 Acres program on canning.](#)
- **Helen** will talk with the Designing Community Structure and Process Committee and ask them to think about strategies that would facilitate a Business Plan and/or an Income Stream using a greenhouse.
- **Brian and Patricia** will continue with the cloching efforts already begun.
- [Patricia and Katie met with Tom about the greenhouse extension project.](#)
- [Annalie's husband is good at building stuff and can help.](#)

If we have time:

- Invitation to Cohousing Conference in June in Oakland
- Marni Chua – Helen/Patricia
- Bastyr / Journeys Agreements - Everyone
- NES – Share Chipper Rental? - Helen
- Tree pruning – schedule – Doug, Patricia

Information Sharing

1. Workshops This year - Plan for them in advance so we can send those best able to go -
 - a. Feb 8 – 12 – NW Flower and Garden Show (Seattle Convention Center)
 - b. Feb 11th – Seattle Tilth Class “Prune Fruit Trees” (10am – 1pm)
 - c. March 3rd – Western WA Fruit Research Foundation – Field Day - Mount Vernon –
 - d. April 14th - Seattle Tree Fruit Society – Hands On Orchard Practice Magnuson Park
 - e. June 2nd – Seattle Tree Fruit Society – Hands On Espalier Pruning Workshop. - Magnuson Park
 - f. Sept / Oct ? - Permaculture Convergence (Date not set)
 - g. Sept 22nd – City People’s Garden Store – “Apple Identification” – 11am – noon – 2939 E. Madison
<http://citypeoples.com/gardenstore/workshop.html#apple id>
 - h. Oct 13th – WWFRF – Sample Apples and Pears event – Mount Vernon

Cohousing conference, June, in Oakland – presentation wanted on “Growing Abundance” – talk to Patricia if interested.

Next meeting: February 27th.

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