

Biogaian Meeting 3/28/16

Patricia facilitating, Susie notetaking.

Next Meeting: April 25<sup>th</sup> Susie facilitating, Laura notetaking

Lawn – after our mayday event, people have volunteered to water, Patricia will schedule.

Trees – laminated root rot, should we take down some trees that are looking damaged? Sylvan has a friend with a forestry degree. Part of the natural cycle of a forest is having dead & dying trees for habitat. Trees falling at night . . . Journeys? Gross negligence? Kevin Britt is a lawyer we have experience with. Liability Issue? Request #1 offer Journeys space that is safer if windy. Ask our insurance policy? Let's leave the trees, and caution Journeys about best place to sleep in high wind. Brian will discuss with Journeys base camp. Helen will look into the buying signs. We will talk again.

Replanting Trees – We could transplant some big leaf maples from Alpaca Place, sweet chestnuts (plant in fall)

Chipper – buy new chipper (it is a 10 hours power leaf shredder), or buy an old one that Nartano evaluates and picks? Cost savings maybe \$200..... is it worth the time to drive far away to check them out. Might take longer. If we don't find a good local used shredder that will save us \$200 (under \$489) w/in 20 miles, before the one we have dies then buy one new.

Composting toilet in Journeys area – Tuesday April 12, round table in 2 weeks. Poop into big can. Get a more expensive legal composting toilet. Let's ask interested Journeys, Songaia to find a legal composting toilet. Interested folks – Sadhana, Brent, Brian, Sylvan, Cameron

Gathering space –

Brian: cost, scope, timeline (document will be sent) \$1,500 and + \$400 for some fencing.

Should we put the interns go to work & Songaians – yes, let's get fence and level gathering space, & water.

Sat Circle – Garden Party, 3 – 4:30 work, Cocktails 4:30 Cash bar? & Money for Gathering Space

Sylvan will look into fundraising pizza party

We can start now to relocate water bibs.

Earth moving – Mark is willing to come back and operate the machinery for us in contouring the land.

Phase 1 – hard level surface (gravel or pavers) & fencing.

Chickens-

Sylvan: will call together interested folks (6)

Permanent chicken coop vs small chicken tractor

Permanent has advantage, rat proof, predator proof, drainage – suggest south edge of garden, steep slope – chicken run will prevent bind weed & bugs, fence – Let's put the rest of the fence in the garden for next year.

Pathway – Work begins April 4 (one week) – must move Douglas pots, Decide where the dirt is going to go (will cost \$300 ) if we want to move it. Where do we want to put the dirt? Maybe on top of the chard/potatoes area – Brian will talk about that with the contractor.

Electrical Outlet needs to be added by Nartano, then dig under asphalt, to run pipe and conduit – is Nartano going to do it? Might be better to draw power from Douglas house, much easier.

Piglet meeting times – 9 most days (sat sun tue wed). Weekly planning meeting will be at 11:30 on Monday with lunch and set up for dinner.

UW visits – 3:45 – 4:15 this coming Thursday. Sylvan will go with Doug.

Interns – Jacob arrives Thursday, Levi on Friday to live in Cottage, Patricia will greet them, Laura will help prep cottage.