

Biogaian Meeting Minutes 12/28/21

Facilitator: Eileen

Notes: Laura

2021 budget - Helen

The Biogaian budget has two parts. Part of the Biogaian funds come from the Songaia budget and part from the Garden to Table budget. The Biogaians have spent all allocated funds from the Songaia budget pot. The arborist costs were a bit over budget due to more work than had been anticipated, but there are other funds that can cover the overage.

The garden to table budget had a small amount of funds left over.

Mary will purchase the components for a holistic orchard spray and a new, longer pole pruner.

Meadow - Anita, Patricia, Mary

Meetings are going well regarding the planting list for the Cultural Plantings Enhancements. The university students are very excited to participate in the project as well. Three of the four students attended a recent meeting. They will each have 150 hours of labor to put into the work!

Meeting was held between Josh Hall (from NRCS), Anita and Mary. Josh mentioned the Cultural Plantings project is a first in this part of the country. Josh also oversees funding for the high tunnel and orchard cover cropping. Mary suggested that we leverage his access to non-funding resources and opportunities to learn from others in his area of responsibility.

Garden-Anita

Over 4,500 lbs of produce was grown last year! Thank-you Doug Larson for all of his help in tabulating and interpreting the logs! It was so appreciated! Laura will be making a thank-you card and perhaps a special gift for Douglas. Anita is preparing a presentation for the Annual meeting with information and photos.

Orchard - Mary

On Tuesday, January 11 Plant People Northwest (the company Matt works for) and Barb Burl (an instructor with Plant Amnesty) will be pruning in the South Orchard. Laura will ask permission from LSC residents to have the truck parked in the LSC parking lot.

Biochar - Mary

Mary will be harvesting coppice from stumps around the property for future biochar burns.

Annual Meeting - Anita

The group had fun playing around with Zoom tricks! We will be donning the Pig masks (for lack of a technical term!) or other garden related regalia for the annual meeting. Anita will send out more information.

Crosswalk Clearance - Ka

Ka expressed a concern about the espalier tree at the entrance from the Songaia driveway to Crestmont. She is concerned that it may block the view of a driver and that someone might come out into the driveway and not be seen. She is especially concerned about children in this regard. She would like to have the tree removed. The topic was tabled until our next meeting.

Garden Work Parties - Anita

Anita would like to call a garden work party for January 15, following the monthly Community meeting.

Garden Gates

Paul has agreed to rebuild the garden gates. It is unclear when he will be returning. He is looking for a special wood that we don't have in the barn supply.

Next Meeting January 25th

Ka will facilitate

Patricia will scribe (with Brian as backup)