

Biogaian Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2012

Facilitator - Douglas
Scribe - Michael

Check-in Question

Biggest seed you have ever seen?
Mango
Coconut
Avacado

Agenda

- **Reserve Spending:**

Spent \$2800ish (Doug to get total) on the mower and \$65 on the weed-wacker. Tom built a weed dragon torch (value \$300). The total amount we have in the budget is \$8k. We are looking at water timers, garden carts, and wheelbarrows. Looking at buying two larger garden carts and 1 wheelbarrow. There are several smaller hand tools which we are looking at repairing or replacing. Need to research more. Water timers (30) will wear out...total cost is around \$400 for the more simple mechanicals (\$13.30 each if you buy 5 or more). Shovels will cost a total of \$100. The total overall will be just shy of \$5k. Doug has pictures of equipment and will prepare to share with everyone when the package is finalized – by next Biogaian Meeting.

- **Budget:**

We have spent \$1800 for our Biogaian budget YTD...which is our budgeted amount for the year.

- **Workshops:**

We have our first check in-hand for \$95 for our cob workshop! We have a plan for the last 2 weekends for 2 workshops (22nd and 29th) for How To Care for Your Roses and Compost!

Compost workshop is coming up Saturday. Kim & Nick, Jean, Ngabuen, Dee's husband, Katie, Doug, Patricia, Brian, Karly, and Kevin will be coming for sure. Maybe's are Nancy Chase, Daniel Rhodes, Justin Chapman, Sadhana. Michael will be able to attend the last workshop. We have collected or will have all materials collected with exception to roofing materials we will want.

- **Resources:**

On 35th Street to the North... a large area is being cleared and 80 yards of wood chips, brick and urbanite (concrete blocks) is available. There is an \$80 hr charge for delivery of the woodchips but it would last us through the end of next year to provide enough for the remainder of our garden/food-forests/etc

- **Patricia's Schedule for Summer & Fall**

Patricia will be gone for 3.5 weeks in August. Her sister Linda is coming into town on August 8th. They are leaving soon after. Helen, Doug and Katie will be in charge of the Intern program, and all other remaining duties. Patricia will be helping prepare for an audit for William Penn House in D.C.....and will be attending her son Bobby's wedding in San Diego in October 13th. She will leave on October 1st and be gone for 2 weeks.

- **Intern Program**

Kim is great!!! She is feeling sad that there is not more than one. She feels that it has to do with people not wanting to help with Journeys which is not true. She feels the housing options are not great either. The real issue with finding a second intern is believed to be because most prospects are wanting shorter term arrangements, and we have stuck to a full 3 month term. Kim will be writing up report on learnings from this summer. We have asked her to provide some reflection for our own learning opportunity. There was some desire for more structured curriculum around subjects of interest (ie. bees, goats). She wanted to be more a part of the rituals performed by ROP but she has not had a good opportunity to do that.

- Several short-term intern opportunities have come up that have not been explored by the Biogaiaans. Katie, Doug and Helen will take on the last 3 people who have inquired. Doug will place Katie on the list to receive Intern applicant emails.

Next Meeting is July 23rd...

Michael is the Covener, Patricia is taking notes

Parking Lot List:

- Goats
- Garden Overlook Design for Outdoor Kitchen (Biogaiaans to organize processing or group of passionates outside of Biogaiaans to run it)
- Reserves for equipment
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