

Biogaian Meeting Minutes January 26, 2015

Pathways - Doug

Several places around the property where we could use more formal pathways - behind unit 11 to unit 9a (including stairs up to the commons) , and other pathways as shown on the plan from Jenny Pell. Doug would like input from Biogaians before creating a community-wide proposal. There was general agreement that this would be a good idea.

Feb. Circle - Helen

Do the Biogaians want some time during the circle to ask for community input on the garden. Not much more input seems to be needed, but perhaps a general question of what people would like to pick from their garden CSA.

Swale - Helen

Status update on the swale - some work has happened, but there is still more digging needed. Doug will ask James if he wants to work on this.

Intern 2015 report - Patricia

We have one fabulous intern, Stephanie, who will be continuing through mid-March. Two inquiries - one for February and one for March. The February inquiry seems a bit dicy, but the March one could firm up. We also have some good inquiries and requests for applications for later this summer. Folks who find us seem to be searching for "Community" and "Permaculture" on the WOUFF website.

Seed Swaps - Patricia

Our recent seed swap was moderate to low attendance. The talk by Caytln Moore was incredible. She reviewed the history of seed companies, and how we got into the the situation where five states don't allow seed libraries and seed swapping. Patricia asked for support from the committee about focusing our seed buying from local/regional/revolutionary seed companies. There was agreement in principle from the group, with awareness of consolidating orders so that shipping and processing are minimized, and engaging seed swapping and exchange.

Seed orders - All

A fund discussion of seeds and what we'll grow next summer. Patricia created a list of seed we are looking to acquire from seed swaps or for purchase. (see attached) The Piglets will convene after the seed swap and circle to determine what is still needed and put together a proposed buy list for input and approval by email.

Next Meeting - February 23

Helen facilitating, Doug note taking

Produce	Variety	Company
Dragon Carrots (red outside, orange inside)		
cherry tomatoes	red velvet	Katie
cherry tomatoes	sun gold	
cherry tomatoes	Black cherry	Uprising
tomatoes	matina	Uprising
wheat		
zuchinni	costada romanesco	
zuchinni	latino	
kale	lacinato	
kale	curly scotch	
winter squash	bitterroot buttercup	Uprising
winter squash	black forest kabocha	Uprising
garbanzo	black kabouli	Uprising
lentils	black	Uprising
beets	bulls blood	Uprising
beets	Detriot	
peas	sugar snap	
beans	? blue lake pole	
beans	romano - helda	
cucumbers	lemons	
cucumbers	regular	
Nigella	black cumin	Uprising
potatoes		
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