

## **Biogaian Meeting Minutes**

April 25, 2016

Next Meeting: May 23, 2016 - Scribe is Susie and Laura K. will chair

### **Lawn**

Work on the lawn will occur right after the Festival. Patricia will make arrangements and let us know the dates. Watering will be done on a schedule.

Before the lawn folks begin their work we will need to erect stakes and put up tape around the whole area alerting people to stay off the grass.

Do we need to remove the large Thistles? Patricia will check on this.

### **Trees**

Trees in Journeys area that have root disease. Brian has spoken to Journeys about the sick trees and has alerted them to possible difficulties. They have rearranged some sleeping areas. Helen will order caution signs. We may plant some new trees in the area in the Fall. Bay has offered to donate Big Leaf Maples.

### **Chipper**

Is Nartano looking for a chipper for us?

### **Composting Toilet**

Journeys will be doing the research about composting toilets including investigating any zoning issues. The folks involved in this project are; Sadhana, Brent, Brian, Sylvan and Cameron. They will also be looking at cost, rats, smell, noise etc.

### **Festival of the Earth**

The committee was brought up to date on the plans for the Festival of the earth. A detailed schedule has been sent out.

### **Chickens**

The "Chicken Posse" committee includes; Sylvan, Brian, Brent, Susie. Patricia (?) Amelia is interested in helping to design the structure to be built. The current thinking is to have the coop located along the side of the garden.

The plan is that in 2016 the committee will do research and look to build consensus.

They will also write a proposal to be presented to the community. If it is approved, they will start digging, purchasing materials and building. The plan is to introduce chickens in 2017.

### **Gathering Space**

Last week Brian and Jacob moved the water lines in the new gathering space! Next will be building the wall, leveling the ground and putting gravel down.

### **Ford Pick - Up Truck**

Brent proposed that the Biogaians consider paying for the insurance and licensing on the truck. Doug said that he would like to think about that. The group has put money into the truck as far as repairs, plans to purchase a new battery and keeps it gassed up.

Douglas feels strongly that he should always be part of any discussion regarding the truck. It is after all, his truck!

**Patricia's Absence**

Patricia will be leaving on May 8th and will return on Memorial Day weekend. In her absence, Katie will be the Acting Garden Manager. She will run the Monday meetings and direct work to be done in the garden. She is the "Go To" in charge.

Piglets/interns/volunteers will take direction from her.

Stephen and Renee will be arriving on the 10th. They will be staying in the guest room and eating at Songaia. Stephen has agreed to coordinate with Katie and will cover for her when she is unavailable. Stephen and Renee will be staying on after Patricia returns. They will take a lead role in replacing the potting shed roof. They will receive an hourly wage for this work.

Helen will gone for ten days in May. Piglets will need to be on top of harvesting for dinners.

Next Mtg. May 23rd Scribe is Susie and Laura K. will chair  
Minutes submitted by Laura K.