Biogaian Meeting Notes

5/22/18

Facilitator: Helen

Scribe: Anita

In attendance: Helen, Susie, Elizabeth, Laura, Hayra, Anita, Brent, Sylvan, Douglas

Sylvan brought a hummingbird nest!!

Checkin: What is a mouthful??

Susie: 11 cherry tomatoes

Helen: A whole mandarin orange

Hayra: What isn’t a mouthful--a small spoonful of granola from husband while driving-- I need to feel like my mouth is full!!

Elizabeth: A constant flow of blueberries

Anita: Olive pb&j story

Laura: a dozen blueberries

Brent: Rhubarb mulberry pie

**SongCrest Food Forest**

Susie: The food forest should be on the radar of the HOA now as far as weeding. Susie okay with being point person with HOA, but needs support with plant ID. HOA meeting in June, water to be discussed.

Helen: I saw some workers who had been told to weed the SongCrest 10 ft, but they started in the middle and were working downward. I told them there were some things we wanted to save and they disappeared.

Hayra: Can we split the maintenance of the food forest in a different way?

Susie: Who wants to be involved in this conversation?
 Susie, Sylvan, Anita, Helen, invite Laura

 Sylvan will make a handout for the crew to know what to pull.

Douglas: We are having the asphalt repaired, maybe we could sync up putting in a watering system from songaia across the driveway

**Clearing swale report**

Ian has done a ton of work, 6 hrs worth so far, it’s coming right along. The rest of the work should fit right into the 10 hour estimate.

**Upper forest watering**

We need to come up with an irrigation system for keeping these trees alive. But we should plant these trees in September, not in Spring. Need more info from Brian.

**Chicken coop report**

Sylvan: work is being done! Optimistically, a week more of work. Sylvan is running into her own physical limitations. We need chicken-sitters for memorial day weekend.

**Plant Sale**

Laura watered the daylilies and moved some things around. Currants being planted in keyhole. BUT those currants are not yummy, maybe should be used as landscaping instead. Dorothy will plant the grape arbor, unit 12 wants daylilies

**Planting grape arbor beds**

Dorothy will be doing this.

Doug: What about the trees that are planted there? THey need to move.

Are they hurting anything? Not really, let’s leave them.

**Strawberry bed**

Barb is liberating the berries!!!

**Propogation workshop**

Anita and sylvan will talk

**Garden planting report**

It’s coming along!

**Blueberry location**

They need to be moved. South end of the barn? All the rain from the barn goes there, so it’s too wet for the raspberries there. Could move some down into the garden.

**Paw-Paw planting/trees by the potting shed**

Half a dozen apple trees

Two pawpaws

PawPaws are an understory tree that do well with shade. Maybe we should put them where the blueberries are now???? Elizabeth will plant them. Sylvan will direct her to where. Susie will water them.

Figs: I’ll check on figs, dave wants one and sylvan’s friend wants one.

**Tansy ragwort**

Sylvan will make a noxious weed removal guide. Anita will post it on the garden blog.

**Leaning tree in SongCrest**

Mary lightened the tree a little. Needs another person to help with more removal. Patrick is figuring out if there is something that we can use structurally to pull the tree up.

Next meeting: June 12th

Facilitator: Mary

Scribe: Anita