

Biogaians  
8/14/17

Present: Susie (convener), Helen (scribe), Hayra, Katie, Brent, Patricia, Mary, Douglas, Anita

Check-in: first apricot memory

Detention Pond: County visit.

We passed! See Laura's email about pipe that needs to be cleared by next year.

Tree Trimming

Progress has happened. Need two more sessions, one with electric chainsaw on a pole. Didn't have anyone familiar with the tool. Katie would be willing to try out the tool on the ground and then see about what it would be like on the roof. Brent has used it, would be comfortable helping and instructing. Maybe two hours of work. Also, cherry next to #11 needs Sadhana and Nartano to be present. Mary will continue to lead.

Brush

Some invasives (archangel) were put into dumpster.

Brush was put next to blueberries so easy to put into truck or to chip. Sylvan has volunteered to work the chipper, but needs assistance starting the chipper, maybe James?

Moveable Goat Fence

Aditi and Paul are in charge. Brent will communicate with them about timing for getting new panels.

Invasive Species

Lots of archangel near sweat lodge, starting to spread in the woods. Knotweed near fire hydrant. Needs a champion/passionate to lead an interest committee. Hayra could do educational session for whole community, potentially a workshop for whole extended community/extended mailing list.

Adoptable Plants

Katie is moving from another community, has plants to re-home. Blueberries, aronia, native swamp roses, kinnick-kinnick. Needs to move them before end of month. What's the process? Katie will make a list and send it to GN residents and seek Biogaian advice about other locations.

Search for Garden Manager and G2T Bookkeeper (5-7 hrs/month)--

We have several strong candidates for GM, will rate at end of month and interview in September. Goal is to choose new person by mid-September. Susie will talk to Ellen about willingness to consider bookkeeper position, and we can also make wider announcements.

Rabbit Fence

Change in method: now will use concrete-board after first section took 11 bags of concrete. Boards will be cut in thirds, which will save both money and work. Concrete-board has been ordered and stored next to shed. Sylvan and Mark still working on the project as they are available. Receipt needs to go to Laura.

## Permaculture Convergence

Dates have been changed from Sept 29-Oct 1. Held in Portland. Susie will check with Rachel to see if there is any chance of again switching Yin retreat, which was rescheduled to this weekend in order to avoid the Convergence..

## Cob Oven Pizza Fundraiser--Sept 9.

Need a committee to advertise and do it, or cancel the fundraiser. Susie willing to work on it. Mary in charge of wine. Patricia will bring intern help with logistics. Need to make up an announcement and send it out via our outreach email lists. Susie will ask Brian to do a blurb and ask Libby to advertise. Susie would like outdoor movie again. Maybe Scotty's screen can be borrowed again.? Libby might be willing to auction baby fig trees as part of the fundraiser.

F-in-F will pick plums tomorrow, for steamer/juicer.

Next Meeting: August 28, Sadhana to lead, Brian to scribe.

Parking Lot: budget update