Biogaian Meeting 11/14/2017

Facilitating: Diane
Scribe: Anita

Attending: Diane, Anita, Sylvan, Brian, Jacob, MistyDawn, Libby, Mary, Brent

Nartano’s Contract?
Nartano’s contract will be continued at the same amount for next year. Brian talked to him, and he’s happy with it.

Who will be engaged in garden work over the winter?
Anita and Helen meet to chat about what could be done in the garden, and send out to community what can be done. There IS energy for it.

Tool sharpening?
Mary has proposed a Mini Harambe! We need handles and repair equipment before having a tool harambe. Inventory work to see what we need to pick up for repair. Some of the tools budget could be used for repair.
Order: Inventory(Katie and Helen partially completed this- Diane will email), shopping (before end of the year), repairs, sharpening.

Tools budget
Consider irrigation equipment. New timers? New tubing? Anita will inventory irrigation supplies

Food forest
Perennial white clover to be seeded as ground cover
No irrigation installed. Helen/Sylvan spoke to landscaper, he said it’s the developer’s obligation to irrigate. Brian will keep us informed on what he hears back.

Disposing of blackberry canes Phil took down
NES yard waste cart could be used. Should we split the cost or pay by load? Decided: Split the cost, Diane will follow up.

Support team for Anita
Brent, Sylvan, Jacob, MD. Anita

Brent’s Thornless blackberry proposal
1st year- plant/tend
2nd year- trellising
Down by food forest, West of hugelkultur bed, where there is already irrigation.
Installation late winter, Jan/February
Sylvan concerns: Blackberries in path, please don’t block. Access to the food forest, maybe a couple of shorter rows.

Brent and Neil will take responsibility for money and maintenance

Chicken proposal
Sylvan sent out proposal, does it have biogaian support? Any more concerns? NO! Sylvan will post it up on the decision board.
Initial setup cost: 1500
Sylvan will set up a meeting of the interest group.
“I was shell shocked by what an eggcellent proposal this was, I know people will flock to it” -Brain

Parking along the curve in the drive
Are there concerns about the apple trees? The blue spruce? Yes.
Compacting the area and fluid leaking from cars is of concern.
Could be good for temporary guest parking? It’s pretty much already used as that.
There needs to be greater discussion on this topic. Another round table?

Tree survey offer
Tree Insights, LLC. Said he was on our website, wants to do a carbon analysis of trees on our property. Brian wants to get a bid to see how much it costs, and what it would entail. Would he inventory the trees? Does he just want to practice on Songaia property? He has a degree from UW, is he credible? Does Brian have support to get a bid? Yes.

Trees to replace in the forest--Brian will email Sylvan about what trees we need to replace.

Next meeting: Dec 12
Facilitator: Anita
Scribe: Laura