

Biogaian Meeting 11/26/12

Facilitator: Brent

Notes: Michael

Check-in: Helen – the fava beans made it through the frost last night. Brian – looks good, lots of stuff to do. Patricia – lettuce in the tall-tunnel. Douglas – did the composting today and raked leaves with Cosmos. Brent – am currently giving a portion of Tuesdays to garden. Sadhana – kale for lunch. Kathleen – how do we put away the soaker hoses? Katie – shitake mushrooms on one of the logs.

Funding Model - reached an impasse yesterday Cyndi and Tad are not in support of a per-person charge for the garden. Possible responses:

- Visit with Cyndi and Tad and see if describing the proposal overcomes their objection.
- Go ahead with the fee but allow people to opt out.
- The other model is that we simply raise the food prices.
- Raise the Biogaian budget and let it pay the Garden Manager Position.

Point is finding a way for everyone to contribute.

Budget – spent approximately what we budgeted but there is a concern that we are in need of more money if we want to do more in the garden. Question is if landscaping/Biogaian budget would be a Neighborhood expense or a part of it.

Should we add some in for the interns?

Should we ask for more because of the increase in equipment operating costs?

We need an income stream to significantly increase our budget.

This year we will ask for \$2113.

Interns – registered dietitian internship – Wonder if the organization has liability insurance that would cover them? Could we get them in September when we need the most processing? We would still need to work out housing. If we could work out these issues then we would be interested in having them. Helen & Patricia will chat further with them.

Trees – Douglas Firs – there is movement on the part of the Kirshners to agree to have the trees that pose a falling hazard to be removed. We want to also discuss removing some to give adequate light to the Noble Firs on the west end. Brian and Patricia will finalize the proposal with the Kirshners, get a bid from the arborists and then make a proposal to the community.

We will also get a quote from the arborist for the birch at the east of the parking lot and the scotch pine as well. Ask the arborist about the Douglas Fir branch that shades the memorial sweet gum next to the forest.

Cleaning up the Garden for the Winter – Can we divide up the garden by individuals and get it cleaned up? Is this mostly about the garden soaker hoses or is there more to it? Create a list or coordinate with Patricia.

Billing at Bothell Feed & Seed - Brent wants to set up a billing account. The Biogaians agree that it is ok for him to set up an account there. Maximum \$150 per month.

SIPN Meeting in January here at Songaia – seed swap. Wednesday January 9th.

Next Meeting – Monday the 17th – Michael Facilitating – Patricia Scribe.