

Biogaians  
11/25/2025

Present: Helen (convener), Laura, (scribe), Eileen, David, MD, Anita, Brian

Winterizing Songaia's landscape irrigation:

Irrigation was left on due to the need for water during septic inspection, which is now done. We'll invite Nartano to call for helpers on Saturday after breakfast.

Apple pulp disposal:

MD volunteers.

Biogaian Financials:

Helen reports that although labor was slightly over budget, our total expenses are below what both Songaia and GTT allocated. There's a little cushion for minor expenses that come up in December, but no major purchases are expected.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Z5fl-F92zY1eXe5-27-\\_C0hTvoMdGknnhk30pBe-yhY/edit?gid=0#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Z5fl-F92zY1eXe5-27-_C0hTvoMdGknnhk30pBe-yhY/edit?gid=0#gid=0)

Arborist Report for recent work:

A steel cable was paced on a bifurcated fir near the parking lot. Another bifurcated fir with a tether on the edge of New Earth Song was inspected. This tree is starting to show strain at the joint and within the next few years will need a bolt at the joint and reducing the weight of the non-dominant limb.

Future arborist work: Cottonwoods near Lost Lake:

Neighbor is fearful of some along his property falling on his house. David will assess the situation and ask for arborist opinions/quotes if needed. Also, maple tree overhanging the parking lot needs some limbs removed.

SnoPUD notification:

Several trees in Crestsong that are growing into the power lines will need to be pruned this winter (by the utility). In addition, the PUD want to remove several wild cherry trees from the natural area west of the food forest. One Doug fir is growing in that area though it is only Christmas tree size now. We decided to let it grow until it needs to be removed.

Compost bin rebuild:

Brian has completed the main structure, and two bins are ready for piles! Reuben plans to build piles as soon as his semester is over.

Paid Labor Management:

In January MD plans to present the summary of this year's paid-labor project for feedback and planning purposes.

