

Biogaians Meeting

3/18/13

Brian, Doug, Patricia, Sadhana, Helen, Katie, Brent

Facilitator – Brian

Scribe – Sadhana

Check-in – What gardening tool are you dreaming of?

Announcements

The (overwintered) bees are alive!

Please submit all receipts ASAP to Barb.

Doug has some new info on CSAs to share from a webinar (printouts) on legality, liability, internships. He will email the group.

Reports

Harambee day last Saturday was a success. Trees got moved, almost everything got done and quickly. Gazebo feng shui was improved.

CSA sign ups to date give us \$2565 – original goal was \$2250, and we may get a few more.

The CSA presentation and posters got good reviews; very clear and a great idea.

Grafting workshop

So far 4 outside signups and one Songaian paid for by LSC plus another \$20 from Nancy. Brent, Brian, Patricia, Katie want to attend. Registration is \$85 each; we can ask for more donations. Helen and Katie are planning and preparing lunch. We will pay Gil \$300 plus materials and split any extra.

Kim and Nick

Brian and Doug are sponsoring their Associate membership process.

Kickstarter idea (Katie)

Money for interns food \$1400 (=1 for 1 year, 2 for 6 mo.)

We could use the Kickstarter site to raise money to support internship educational programs. What is the nature of this money? (gift, donation, investment, loan, pledge with an incentive like a t-shirt?)

Katie suggests we all look at the site and think about it.

Another similar site is gofundme.com.

Interns

We have 3 applications so far. Two women want to come for July/August, and one more just came in.

The current proposal is for 2 interns. LSC cottage is available for housing so we could have them maybe 6 months. Funding for food is an issue, but Brian would like to propose up to 4 interns for 8 months (April-November), not necessarily all at the same time.

Helen will develop the proposal to the community and Doug will discuss with FFF (full food program cost or what?)

Hardscape planning (budget, finances, location)

Pathways – we should consider adding some of the paths we planned at Jenny Pell's workshop, we need to plan and budget for it. This could be larger than a Biogaian issue – facilities? greater community? To start, Doug will talk with Tom.

Power to the garden – would cost about \$4000 to go from the power pole across the driveway. May be somewhat less to get it from NES.

Outdoor kitchen – develop a more specific plan? We could start with the sink and cob oven. There could be a Bastyr project to do design. We have the notes from the visioning/charette. We need a site plan even to start with the small stuff. (Doug, Brian, Sadhana, Katie?)

Root cellar – We need this for storage, location needs more research, costs need more research.

Journeys may help with a front-end loader to help with the digging. Brian's leading the task force for this. (Kathleen? Katie?)

Another hoop house – Larry is interested in building it, we have the plastic. Would need to purchase PVC tubing and other materials, cost probably about \$425. Last one came from the Biogaian budget. It would be useful for extended season growing and skill building.

Decision – we approve \$400 from the Biogaian budget for the hoop house.

Nick's bee hive – we approve in general. Location to be determined.

Next Meeting April 22 (Earth Day)

Sadhana facilitator, Helen scribe

Plan for FOE & other agenda items