

Biogaian Meeting – July 27, 2015

Present: Kai, Doug, Patricia, Brent, Rebecca, Helen, Susie, Steven, Evan

Facilitator: Brent

Scribe: Sadhana

Tuesday Permaculture Adventure – The team is going to go on the 2nd Annual Farm Tour

Evan's Last Day – Even though today is Evan's last official day as an intern, we will not send him off until after the cob oven has been fired since he will be coming back to work on it until it is finished.

Green House Roof – Nartano still hasn't presented a proposal to re-roof the green house. He seems to have some doubts about the project.

Patricia's Abandonment Plan – October – February – the Piglets should continue to meet and do as much as possible. It would be helpful to think about where we might house an intern, or maybe there would be another local volunteer for those months. We can write up a plan for needed work, but we don't have good housing or community approval for another intern. Have community work parties?

Financial report – Songaia budget (\$1000, we have about \$700 left) & G2T budget (\$2000, we have about \$500 left).

Cottage bed – works better with a plywood board between the metal frame and mattress. (Don't need to do anything right now.)

Hooks on gazebo post – could help prevent piles of stuff on the benches. Rebecca will look for some in the barn.

Thursday – Fox in the Forest field trip to Songaia. Groups of kids here all morning, may do fruit pressing or fruit/nut picking, digging potatoes, visit goats, cook something. Steven, Rebecca, Patricia available to help.

Watering during the Songaia hike – Rebecca and Steven (August 5-9)

Cob oven proposal – Brian requested Biogaian approval of the design and funding proposal. It would be \$300 from Biogaian and \$350 from Abundance Fund & donations. Discussion - \$300 is too much for the Biogaian budget, since we need to build a fence too. Why is this a "Biogaian" project? It is a part of the larger gathering space project, which Biogaian initiated as part of landscape planning. Could ask for a higher amount from the Abundance Fund (Biogaian contribute labor!). Patricia will let Brian know about our discussion.

NW Permaculture Convergence – last weekend in August. Six at least are going. Patricia will use her education allowance plus volunteering to pay for it. Camping has been arranged. Need to cover watering & harvesting.

For next meeting –

- Work on plan for winter gardening
- Decide on a fence plan
- Review coverage for NW Permaculture Convergence weekend
- Arrange to move the currant bush near the cob oven

Next meeting – August 24th. Sadhana facilitator, Brian scribe.