

## **Biogaian Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2021**

Facilitator – Brian

Scribe – Laura

### **1. Espalier fig trees**

Sylvan and Brian will create an espalier structure for two fruit trees. Exact location TBD.

### **2. Safety concern**

There is a safety concern regarding visibility and the current espalier tree in the North Food Forest. Matt and Mary will investigate and communicate with Ka.

### **3. Free Range Chickens**

One hen has been free ranging in the vegetable garden. Concern was raised as there are small seedlings in the garden which have been disturbed. The chicken posse is aware of the problem and will keep the hen in question from jumping (flying?) into the garden. Sylvan will observe to see which is the sneaky one. The posse is planning to build a chicken run along the south side of the garden.

### **4. NE Common House Stairway**

Mary removed the Abelia plant that was crossing the stairs. Paul will work on the safety issues and make improvements. Eileen will consult with Facilities as to the best way to block off the stairs until then.

### **5. Priorities**

Paul has many project requests! Biogaians, hearth crew and chicken posse have all asked for his help on several projects. His skills are in great demand! Brian will talk to Paul about his availability and convey to him the Biogaian priorities. First priority for the garden is gate repair/replacement (?).

### **6. Goat Care**

Brent will be going to China this year. August thru October. Goat care is needed while he is gone. Brian will help to care for them in Brent's absence but will need help. Brian will put out an email asking for help with water, straw, feeding etc.

### **7. Garden Report**

The greenhouse is full of seedlings and many are moving out for hardening off and planting. The clearing of beds is happening on a daily basis. Soil is being dug from the isles onto the beds.

There will be flowers Galore this year!

Garden work parties have been a success.

The micro-shelter walls are ready to go up to the platform. Raphael Saposhnik is arriving April 30. He is fully vaccinated and will be staying in the guest room. A second intern has been interviewed as well.

### **8. Tarps**

Please do not put tarps under piles of chips, compost, soil.  
Spread the word

**NEXT Meeting : May 25, 7:15 pm**

Facilitator - Laura

Scribe – Anita