

Biogaians Monthly Meeting
October 24, 2023

Present: Anita, Fae, Bonnie, Patricia, Mary, Helen, Eileen
Check-in: What are you putting to sleep as we enter the Winter season
Facilitator: Anita Higgins
Notetaker: Bonnie Stack

Announcements/Report

Apple Harvest/Process/Press- (Mary)- We generate a lot of apples and the apple sauce queens have made a lot already. In general, we are done making apple sauce and apples will now go to cider pressing. Miranda made a beautiful flyer for the Nov. 4 event!

- Will an email be sent out to some of the youth who grew up here to attend (Maybe Nancy?)
- We will need buckets and wheel barrows
- We will leave them for another week with the netting
- Whose thinking about Quince? There's a lot of quince

Full Project Helpers- (Laura)- went to the parking lot

UW Students @ Songaia (Anita)- There is a new employee over at the UW program and Anita will meet with Amy Lambert and Chase to talk about possibilities, resources, and figure out beneficial partnering. Ideas such as soil analysis, ecological restoration, etc.

Crestmont planting/Blueberries- (Mary + Patricia)- Some of the new plants are here already. For Crestmont- 6 pawpaws. Going in lower Crestmont and the back of LSC. Under the power lines, natives will be planted there among the salal, a planting party is being planned for November. Shall we schedule a weekend or weekday planting party? We will see how it comes together due to weather and people being out of town. If you go to the plant store in Tacoma you can also get the lumber for the gate at the same time as picking up plants. 3 Blueberries are coming and will be planted at the end of potting shed. Last mowing of crestmont will happen soon.

Seeding the Commons (Patricia)- Patricia is connecting with Harmony Landscapes who will aerate the lawn in the next week. We will need to move the tables in. We will do our own re-seeding. Could we have a meadow blend, a combination of clover, yarrow, etc.

Piglet meetings/Garden Comrades (Laura)- Scheduled 9 am CH

Discussion/Decision

Goat Care (Helen)- Today, the goats got out again and are almost out of food. Jack is monitoring them somewhat. Is someone assigned to pick up food for them? They are on NRCS

budget,

Jack may be willing to go but needs to know how to charge it. Brent has an account at Bothell Feed store. They are ready to go back to Lost Lake Road.

- Let Jack know it is time to get food and move them. Brian can help the move. - Anita will text Jack and Brian about moving and buying goat feed.

Biogaian Budget 2024 (Helen)- Bonus items for 2023 under additional supplies will most likely be moved to 2024 purchases due to some budgeting arranging with GTT budgets. Overall, Biogaians will ask for a similar amount of money as last year.

- We need to approve the \$14,625 amount to submit to David
- We Formally voted- we are in support of this 2024 Budget and it can officially be submitted

Upcoming first freeze- The garden is pretty much put to bed.

- The timers and butternut squash need to come in.
- Send email out: Pick you last Dahlia's by Thursday
- Put irrigation system for the whole community to bed in the coming weeks

Parking Lot

Thorny Calcut trees near unit 13-

Compost Toilet

Full Project Helpers- (Laura)

Eval/Next Mtg

Next meeting: Tuesday November 28

Facilitator: Bonnie

Notetaker- Scribe: Laura (?)

Evaluation:

What went well: friendly, easy, appreciated the topics broken into categories, lot's of work went into preparing the budget, nice to have Ka on the Zoom, ended a little early. Lovely job Anita!!

What to work on: slideshows and photos, it would be better to send Zoom link in advance if we have attendees.

Do we notice any power balances present: older ladies/generation and Anita tend to be the most present and run things. People who have been there for a while and people who are newer, and people who may know where things are and people who may not.