



Grupo Pro Sayulita Meeting Dec. 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order by interim president Cap Sparling.

Financials: Cap reported the following amounts in the GPS accounts:

1. School Account: 123,682 Ps but Gina added that she thinks that there is double that in the 501c3 in the States as well as \$2,000 donation from Will and Liz Stewart that is at Entre Amigos in San Pancho.
2. Sewage account at Lloyds: about 200,000 Ps
3. GPS: around 160,000 Ps but he does not get the bank statement. Marcos said he would bring it in to the next meeting.

Books: Gina said that they have 80 boxes of 60 books each (4,800) plus 31 loose books at her store. She said that Fred has the complete list of those that have taken the books out of the store so there is an accurate accounting.

Belinda offered to keep all the materials for selling in the Plaza at her ice cream store. Any time anyone feels like selling books they can take the materials to the plaza and then return them with an accounting of what they sold. Micki will make up a sign-up sheet for the hours of 9 to 11 AM and 5-7 PM, The table will be available whenever someone has time to sit in the square and sell.

Gina is going to talk to Vegas and see if he will take charge of the kids selling books in town and on the beach. 2-3 kids will sell and they will be wearing a tee shirt that says that the proceeds of the sales go to the public schools. The kids can earn 10 Ps for every book they sell and when the box they have is empty, they will take the cash to Fred at Gina's store and trade it for more books..

Cap also wrote Suzanne to see if she would be interested in taking over the chairmanship of the book committee. He feels that someone has to be overseeing all the different actions that are going on with the sales of the book.

Garbage Cans: Cap showed a picture of a garbage can that was given to Marcos. The can hangs above a platform that is imbedded into the sidewalk and swings. Plastic bags would be put over the mesh and only the garbage could be taken. Cap talked to

Marcos to see if the county would be willing to supply Sayulita with these cans and since Marcos wasn't at the meeting, someone else is going to check with the municipio. Cap asked Cocula to order 40x200 liter trash cans (155 Ps each) like the ones we have been using. He thought that if the county will buy the nicer cans for the town center that the green drums could be used outside the town center. Gabriel, a new member of GPS commented that the quality of trash pickup is not as high as it was last year. Trash collectors often leave trash behind. Cap said he would see who has responsibility for making sure that trash and recycle is picked up correctly.

There was also some discussion about how to educate and involve the town kids in the importance of recycling. One suggestion was to have a class (or classes) clean up an area and then have a drawing for those that picked up the most garbage.

Meeting with the new Judge (Mayor) who represents Sayulita to

the municipio: Gabriel suggested that a meeting should be set up between GPS and Noe Placencia, the new Judge/mayor and representative for Sayulita to the Municipio (three year term) and his advocates be held on Jan 3. The meeting is intended to open up communication between GPS and the Mayor and to make clear that Pro-Sayulita can assist him with the solving of the many issues important to everyone in Sayulita. Belinda and Maria will set up the meeting. The meeting location has yet to be decided. Among the issues to discuss:

1. how GPS can help the judge make good on his campaign promises that have to do with the GPS mission.
2. Getting the country to come in and clean our streets with a street cleaner.
3. Paving roads
4. Zoning
5. Making some of downtown pedestrian only at certain hours of the day.
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Recycle: Cap talked with Tracie about the new recycle company. The current bins are a gift from the Punta de Mita Foundation. He said that Tracie said that there was not enough money coming in from recycling to pay the two people who are separating the materials dropped off for sorting and they need \$1,000 Pc per week. Recycling has to become self-sufficient. Tracie was going to present a budget, but is not present. Gabriel suggested that recycling is another issue we need to discuss with the new mayor. Micki has a copy of the Recycle meetings held last week and will attach it to these notes. Recycle meetings are Wednesday at 3:00 at _____. Jan will go and report back.

Schools: Cheryl is chair of the committee though getting help from Gina who is present while Cheryl is out of town. Gina told the group that the money earned from the fund-raiser at her house must go to the stated project (new classrooms at the primary school) and nothing else if we are to keep our credibility with those that give us money. Book money and other money can go other school projects. The work on the new classroom starts Jan. 5. When it is finished, the mothers will cook and all who contributed will be invited.

Bathrooms: Marco's is not in attendance so no new information about the bathrooms at the ballpark was available. Gabriel noted that the beach bathrooms have not yet been given to the Municipal, so they are not legally ready to be used. Therefore, no one has yet been hired to clean, etc. (Another issue to talk with the mayor about). Cap will write Marcos and Kenny Dahl to see where things are with the bathroom.

Sewage Plant: \$200,000 pesos remain the original sewage account. A discussion was held regarding that money and if that money needs to remain dedicated to sewage related issues. It was decided that we must abide by the original agreement and sewage money can only be used for sewage related projects. Yet another issue for the mayor.

Posting Financials: We must be a transparent group with all financials available for anyone interested. We need to get the financials on our web site as well as Sayulitalife. Maria suggested that we post them on the bulletin board at Choco Banana, as many people do not access the internet and/or the GPS site.

Former Office: There are some confusing issues regarding the employment of last year's secretary who is about to have a baby. Cap needs to talk to Marcos to see if there is a contract so we can know here legal rights if we close the office. Is there a contract? Part time? Etc. Cap will review the minutes of last year's meetings and try to figure out what we need to do.

Public Relations: GPS need more volunteers. We need to work on presenting the association to the public. It was suggested that we make a flyer to give out. The new mayor is going to have an office and secretary and we could possibly leave flyers there. Gabriel suggested that the link to GPS, on Sayulita Life, needs to be larger. If anyone is interested in heading up the marketing committee, please come to the meeting on Tuesday at noon at the Blue Iguana (normal meetings are at noon on Thursdays at the Blue Iguana).

Election: The new GPS president was elected for the coming year. Cap Sparling elected with 100% of the vote. He is planning on a one year stint as the president of GPS.

Campesina: There is a small kinder located at the Campesina building near the Salud as well as an artists workshop. This has caused problems between the parents and the artists since some feel the site is not safe for the kids. The students are in what was supposed to be a bodega and some who have visited the site have described the conditions as unsafe for the kids. SEP has to be the one to step in and fix this situation. GPS could help the kinder with desks, chairs and supplies but the issue of the building needs to be addressed by the governmental education agency and the Ejido who owns the building.

Other business included setting a date for our fund raiser.

Next Meeting: For the week of Christmas only, the meeting will be held on Tuesday in order to prepare for the Jan. 3 meeting with the new mayor. We will again meet at 12:00 at the Blue Iguana.