



Grupo Pro Sayulita Meeting

Dec. 23, 2008

To: Attendees

Cc: www.pro-sayulita.com

Location: Blue Iguana

Time and location: Thursdays at noon except when that is a holiday.

In attendance were:

Eric and Barbara Rudd

Suzanne Gravelle

Cap Sparling

Janet Anderson

Mike Beck

Gabriel Gallegos

Jan Rothrock

Cynthia Jones

Marcos Scott

Cecile Earle

Micki Cunningham

President Cap Sparling called the meeting to order. The old minutes were opened for discussion and, there being none, we moved on the Committee chairman reports;

Book Sales: Suzanne Gravelle has offered to chair the book committee, which encompasses the management of the sales, collection of the money and it's deposit in the Lloyds Bank Account. Suzanne reported that she has created an Excel Document to keep track of sales, where books are located (stores or individuals, etc), and the amount of money coming in for those books. She brought a schedule to be filled out for selling in the Plaza for the

next three weeks and hopes people will sign up. Eric Rudd reported his 95 yr old mother was selling at the plaza during our meeting (and she sold 5!) People can call her on her cell at: 322 152 0448 if there are any changes. The hours for selling in the Plaza are currently 9-11, 11-1 and 5-7.

Anyone can get the table, books and Phillipe (the hero of the book) and sell in the square at hours other than those scheduled. Fred, Gina's employee at the furniture store has the master list of boxes checked out. Marcos will pick up two boxes for La Hamaca. We need to ask Belinda to remind her employees that people will be coming in to gather the items needed to sell. Eric purchased a box of books at cost to take back to the US. Cheryl Vaughan offered to bring down plastic book holders from the States when she returns on January 2nd.

Financials: Cyndy Jones reported the following current funds in our accounts:

Waste Water Treatment Plant Account: \$200,886.49 Ps
General Fund: \$144,242 Ps + \$600 Dollars US in Pay Pal
Books: \$123,758 Ps
501c3: \$7,000 + USD which I will request be sent to our account.

Cyndy said that she has to finish the accounting for summer expenses for the bathroom at the play field as well as Sayulimpia. In the latter case, a petty cash account was used to pay our garbage men for their expenses, but now that Sayulimpia has been taken over by GIRRSA that money is no longer needed. Cyndy also stated that we need new charter drawn up with Cap as president and he needs to be added to the account at HSBC.

Recycle: Suzanne represented the Recycle committee, as Tracie was not in attendance. Fifteen people volunteered on Sunday to sort the piles of recycled materials from the trash. Each did two hours of work, which equals one full week of work by an employee, and there was still an incredible amount of work to be completed as too much garbage is being thrown in the recycle bins. Ramon, one of the owners of the recycle company we are doing business with, continues to look for a second worker for the bodega.

Thirty new recycle bins are coming, sponsored equally by Choco Banana, Casa Jacobo and one other party. Each sponsor's name will be put on 10 of

the bins in addition to new information stating what is, and is not recyclable. Printing still coming from Punta de Mita.

Suzanne told us that they make the most on milk bottles. Last week 18 kilos of plastic shopping bags were sent out which is an amazing number that is not in the landfill and is going to a good use. Clear glass can now be recycled and, as you know, Aluminum cans pay the most, but are hard to keep as people go through the recycle bins, take them out to sell them. If you can put the cans at our depository we have a better chance of keeping them. It was suggested that we get a large container that has a hole for putting the cans but does not allow their theft. Right now, we cannot accept Styrofoam, colored glass or plastic containers that do not have the triangle on the bottom.

A placard is available to be downloaded from Sayulita Life to be placed on recycle bins or in people's homes and businesses. It very specifically states what can and cannot be recycled. If you want this info, go to the site below, fill out the necessary info and then download the info you would like.

<http://www.officearrow.com/forums/templates-documents/937-recycle-information-word.html>

Garbage is still a question. People have seen our little truck is picking up garbage and recycle and throwing it all in the garbage. It was suggested that GPS needs to get it back and use it exclusively for recycling and the work of GPS. When we get the truck back, we can pay the insurance and use volunteers to drive it. It was reported that GIRRSA is not doing the job- Leaving garbage behind, not lining the bins, etc. Marcos offered to check into this for the group.

Regarding the issue of the locals who talk like the recycle work is a private business and not part of GPS, it seems wise to publish the books to show income and expenses so that they everyone knows the cash position of the company. The same should be done with all cash accounts so that everyone knows everything. Towards that end, Suzanne reported that recycling is getting \$620 pesos from P.E.A.C.E. to help pay for the containers. Another \$2000 pesos is coming from sales. The Punta de Mita foundation grant, which supplied the bins, is coming to an end. Another group, called Wild Coast, is an organization dedicated to cleaning up our coasts, using positive pop figures to promote recycling. They attended the last recycle meeting and are interested in promoting recycling in our area. A Surfing magazine

will feature Sayulita. The primary expense of the recycle group is the \$2,000 they will need to pay the workers at the drop off location. Committee meetings are held at Casa Amistad—next to Verdin’s office across from the baseball field on Wednesdays at 3:00.

Garbage: Cocula is having the 40 drums he got for GPS painted the same green as last year but we still need to put on hand prints and labels. Evelyn Boren had mentioned that she would be willing to do a hand painting project with the kids in the plaza and that will be this Sunday. Jan will call Evelyn about setting up the project. Gabbie suggested that the primary and secondary school kids could do designs on the cans emphasizing the importance of putting garbage in the garbage cans and Cap said he would talk to Patty Duarte about how to get the school kids involved.

Marcos found out that the cost of the large meshed garbage cans that are on a base that is put into concrete would be \$1450 pesos for one, but the price would come down to \$1250 if we buy enough. These cans are the ones that were in last weeks meeting report. This can is also available for seeing at Rain Tree, in the back of the terrace along the river.

Street Cheaning: At the last meeting we talked about using a street sweeper once a year to clean all the dirt off the roads after the rains. It was thought that the Municipio might have one for our use. Marcos called and found out that it does not have a street sweeper, but they are available for rent on the way into PV.

Gabriel asked about using our pump truck to clean the streets by having a water sprayer attached to the front. It would have to be equipped with a gasoline motor to have enough force to clean the road.

Bathrooms: Marcos reported that Kenny is in Sayulita and that they visited the bathroom to see how much had to be done before they could be open to the public. Urinals have yet to be installed and lights wired. The plumber has not finish the job. Cap feels that there is some urgency in getting this project done as it’s been in process for a long time and Kenny is working to get it done.

GPS Secretary: The former secretary in the GPS office has been paid off for her time at work for 20,000 Ps. Marcos made a show of handing over her cell phone, beeper, etc. to Cap.

Relations with the Community: Gabriel stated that we are one community and need to work together on the various projects for the village. He felt that would be a great time to meet with the new mayor, who was recently elected, and his staff to discuss how we can work together. We have set a date for a meeting between our two groups between 3 and 4pm on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009. We want to move hand-in-hand and a meeting to talk about how we can better accomplish the work for a better Sayulita can begin at this meeting. The meeting will be held at the Blue Iguana and the Mayor and his staff will be GPS guests. Gabriel stated that in order for GPS to be successful, we need to work with the Mexican people of Sayulita.

The Critical Few: Cap briefly explained the importance of setting a few very clear goals for a year was important for success. These goals were called The Critical Few and they were the three most important things that were to be accomplished in the coming year. There would be other goals but the focus was on the three.

So, he asked everyone to think about what three things they felt that GPS should focus on for 2009. They would be the goals we bring to our annual fundraiser as well as where we spend the bulk of our time and money. It was suggested the group come up with some suggestions for the critical few and that each committee would also have to come up with their own Critical Few for 2009 and we will discuss and vote on the issues at our next meeting on Tuesday December 30th.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Tuesday at the Blue Iguana at 12:00.