



Pro-Sayulita Meeting
December 30, 2008

*"Making Sayulita a better place for everyone to
live and visit"*

At meeting:

Cap Sparling
Cyndy Jones
Eric and Barbara Rudd
Paul Gulyasse
Gaby Gallegos
Janice Rothrock
Suzanne Gravelle
Jennifer Culp
Marcos Scott

We went over the minutes from last meeting. Paul asked where the recycle depot is located (it's on the Punta de Mita road on the left as you are heading to 200). It's suggested that we put the "valuable" recycle items (aluminum cans,) behind something so they can't be as easily stolen.

Committee Reports:

Financials: Cyndy Jones reported that there is no update on last week's notes.

Book sales (Eric Rudd's school book): Suzanne started with the signup sheet for sales in the Plaza. She will always have it at the meetings or you can email her; purpleox@spamarrest.com if you want to

get on the list. There's a new table for the sales that's easier to carry and is located at Belinda's Blue Bell Ice Cream store. Avalos and the bookstore will also start taking book holders and start selling books in their stores (5 new).

So far, there is no report of Vegas and other kids are selling books but Suzanne will check with Antonia, his grandmother. Booksellers in the Plaza have been averaging from 4-12 books per session and our goal is to sell 32 books per day. Paul will check with bookstores in Bucerias about selling books. Suzanne thanked everyone who's been selling in the plaza and said there's room for more.

Schools: What do we want to see at the end of the year? No meetings have been going on with Cheryl's absence so this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Recycle: Suzanne said that there has not been a meeting since the last one so there is no new news. Tracy can't come to the Tuesday meetings but will when we revert to Thursday. Regarding our "small" garbage truck, Marcos has not had a chance to talk to GIRRSA about this truck due to the holidays, but he will.

Other Reports:

Garbage: Cocula and his workers have painted 40 new green drums (cost \$6,200 Ps + \$1,500 for painting and making holes in the bottoms). Marcos said that we can have the 30 Sayulimpia logos he has but it was that a stencil would work best and Cap offered to locate a stencil maker. 10 of the drums will have hand prints with Evelyne and the balance (30) will have artwork applies at schools.

We also discussed the kind of garbage cans do we want for the town. The cost of the fancy mesh cans that are in a permanent holder are \$1450/\$1250 depending on volume. The group thought that "more" garbage cans would be better then more expensive containers.

Is GIRSSA is doing a good job? Some felt that there was still too much garbage on the ground after a pickup and that they are not putting in liners after taking the garbage to the truck. They are currently using our small truck and paying the workers and maintenance but Marcos suggested that in order to let them keep it, they do a better job by collecting garbage from outside the town center and to let our recycle group use the truck on weekends. There has been a report that GIRRSA has been mixing garbage with the recycle material. Presently, there is no contract with GIRRSA about use of the truck but there has been some recent repairs on the vehicle. We need to decide how to move forward. One would be for GPS (or the town) to take back the truck to haul, pickup garbage from outlying areas and recycle. We would need to do explore those costs before making a decision.

Bathrooms at baseball field: Kenny is working on it and we still don't know when they will be done.

Salud: there are two AED's (Automated External Defibrillators) but few people know where they are located and how to operate. Mike Beck, has offered to organize a "hands-on" demonstration and will report when and where at the next meeting or on Sayulitalife.com. The most portable AED is at the Salud and no one was sure where the other was. These were donated by winter residents

Meeting with the Sayulita's Delegado to the Municipio, Noe Placencia, to discuss how the Delgado, and his team, and GPS we can work together to the benefit of Sayulita. The meeting will be on Jan 3 at 3pm at the Blue Iguana. It was suggested that a one page Pro-Sayulita history would be beneficial and some sharing of our potential common interests:

To have a cleaner town (suggested ideas)

- More garbage cans
- A Litter campaign
- Annual use of a Street Sweeper

- Using water truck to clean streets.

Traffic (suggested ideas)

- More One way streets
- Angle parking
- 2nd Bridge over rio
- Enforcement of parking rules
- Building a Parking lot outside town center

Pedestrian areas (temporary or permanent)

More bathrooms at beach.

Paving all our streets

Sayulita visitors center (bilingual).

Water conservation: (Eric suggested that all approved plans for a swimming pool require a filter system to stop people dumping their water into the streets. Talking to Lazaro is important with all issues regarding water in Sayulita.

Location for citizen suggestions or complaints.

Managing Street Venders along sides of the roads with the exception of the Sunday market.

Limiting vehicles on the beach

Better Town Security:

A Mission Statement and annual goal setting: Cap said that he feels that GPS needs more clarity about what we want to do this year (and every year). Success, he believes, requires clarity of purpose, clear goals and a Mission Statement that tells everyone what we do (and also helps us keep from doing what we don't do). We have an excellent Mission Statement that's at the top of our meeting notes.

The next step in being successful is to set the annual tasks that we want to accomplish. This year he wants us to be more clear on what we think are the most important goals we want to accomplish for 2009. Optimally this work should be done before the new year begins and we can aim for that next year.

At GPS we have a large group and then committees that focus on specific areas. At our meeting this week we had discussion about how important it is to list the most important goals and he suggested call the most important The Critical Few and that we limit them to 3. There can be "other" important tasks as well but the Critical Few are the most important. We discussed that exact wording is important as well as measurability.

The final decision on the Critical Few for GPS will be done at the Jan 8 meeting and Cap said the he will be out of town (for the next month he was sorry to say). In writing up the minutes from our meeting, I (Cap) thought that GPS, the large group, needs different goals than the committees and so I would like to propose the following CF for GPS:

1. GPS has an excellent working relationship with the Delgado and his team in order to make Sayulita a better place for all of us to live and visit.
2. GPS will raise enough money in 2009 to meet our budget (not yet written but it will depend on the critical few suggested by the committees and Other Important Tasks).
3. To successfully support all the committee's Critical Few Goals as well as those goals that are not assigned to a committee.

The committees would then each set their special CF for the year and bring them to the next GPS for discussion. Once this work is completed I think that all of us will know exactly what work we need to

accomplish for 2009, what it will cost and how we are going to raise the money.

The following are current **committee's** under GPS, once were and could be again or are only suggestions:

- 1.Schools
- 2.Recycle
- 3.Sayulimpia (I'm not sure if we still have this committee but I think that garbage, dust control, street cleaning, street paving and such can fit under this heading
- 4.Sewage; We once raised money for this cause but a new committee could include building bathrooms, any expansion of our sewage plant and possible use of the wastewater for road cleaning or irrigation.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned with a reminder of the meeting on Saturday the 3rd with the Delgado.

Next meeting January 8, 12pm at Blue Iguana

Notes were taken by Mike Beck and Cap Sparling