



Grupo Pro Sayulita

Jan. 15, 2009 Blue Iguana Restaurant

The meeting was called to order by Micki Cunningham, as Cap is not in Sayulita.

Delegado Meeting: Micki reviewed the meeting with Neo Pacencia, the Delegado and the “Critical Three” they presented to GPS. They are:

1. Establishing an office in the center of town, hopefully the Casa de Cultura, with a bilingual secretary.
2. Cleaning the streets and keeping them clean.
3. Address the traffic issues.

GPS was asked to support with materials and supplies in these efforts. In regards to the office, if the Delegado is successful in obtaining the site, the Municipal will pay the salary of the secretary and the power. GPS would supply a printer (already a donation from Eric) and a computer. The office will also be a visitor center, drop center and a GPS center. Hopefully the site will be put in functional order and be used by the entire community.

Addressing the cleaning of the streets, GPS is asked to supply brooms, picks, shovels and a wheelbarrow. The concerns about the storage and safe keeping of the tools so they may be used in the future was discussed and Ramon assured GPS that there is a safe place at the recycle depot. The Delegado has seventy people ready to take on the task. The first cleaning will begin Monday, Jan. 19, at 4:30 pm, beginning at the point where Revolucion and the Punta de Mita roads intersect. The crew will move north. Please join in this effort.

In regard to the traffic issues, the Delegado believes that there is not enough signage to direct people to their destinations in Sayulita, and all seem to drive to the center of town. They would like GPS’s help in creating signs, directing people to the various neighborhoods and destination locales. They would also like to explore making the area around the Plaza, a pedestrian only zone from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm daily. They have explored ways to reroute the traffic to make this possible.

The Delegado also expressed interest in getting people into the schools to explain the recycling program—they believe the children do not know the difference between what is recyclable and what is not.

Recycle: Suzanne introduced Ramon Avila, who heads up the recycle program for the county. Ramon reiterated the concern of the recycle committee that in order for the depot to keep up with the work, they need funds to support one more worker at \$1,000 Ps a week. They are requesting GPS to fund this worker until they become self-sustaining. The \$2,000 P requested to pay Sayulita's share of the installation of electricity at the bodega in San Pancho was received and the work is going on. After the recyclables are crushed and shredded at that depot, income will be more accessible. Suzanne reported that Ramon and Guy brought in 20 new recycle bins.

Tracie is working on new banners that say what is now recyclable (community members still don't know about aluminum cans and clear glass) and, in the meantime, Suzanne is adding that information with a marker pen on the old banners. The committee would like suggestions as to where the new recycle bins should go. Jan reported that there is currently one inside the garage at "LongBoard Heaven." People on Gringo Hill do not know where the bins are, and there is no where to stop to put materials in the bin at LongBoard Heaven. There needs to be a central location there. Ramon has now made a map to show the locations. A location near the Salud was also suggested.

Public Education Project: Cheryl was in the US and unable to attend so Micki reported on the work of the committee. Steve Pomeroy will send out a notice with the next school meeting's time and place.

English Program: Criteria for the after-school English program are in place. Teachers will be asked to select students that have a desire to learn English and are students who complete assigned work. The committee has decided to begin with grades 4, 5 and 6. This would give the volunteers more manageable numbers and a fewer number of volunteers would be required at the onset. It is the belief of the committee that it would be better to start small and be successful than to try something to large and not be able to sustain it in an excellent manner.

The committee took some time to review the SEP English book, Vol.1 Nivel 1. The group like the book but don't believe that each student would need one. We do need a complete set to insure that we are teaching English requirements. The book has many ideas that can be used and expanded upon. The committee needs some people to go the training offered by P.E.A.C.E. in Punta de Mita. The training is in Spanish. Carol will attend.

Free meals: The issue of comida was again discussed. The committee would like two moms a week to help in the serving and cleaning up of the food.

Adopt a Student: The “Adopt-A-Student” program was discussed and it was decided that the costs need to be broken down.

Gina has returned from the States. She reports that the new classroom will have a roof this week. School supplies donated by our sister city Firestone, Colorado and brought down by Susan de Nouvellis were distributed this week. Five elementary school mothers, including Chepa, distributed hundreds of items to the students. There is another box of supplies that has just been dropped off, so more students will be receiving needed materials.

Book Sales: Book sales are going well. There are now book stands at Kukana and Sayulita Prime Properties. Barbara reported that a good time for selling in the Plaza is from 11:00am to 1:00 pm. Vegas and the students are selling in the town and have permission to go into some restaurants. They are a bit apprehensive about selling on the beach. Anyone who has time is asked to please pick up the books, table, and Phillipe at Belinda’s ice-cream store and set up on the Plaza and sell.

Garbage Cans: There was a miscommunication last week regarding the delivery of the cans to the plaza for handprint painting. Jennifer and Jan have the paint and are willing to head up the venture. They left for Cocula’s house, made contact and the painting will take place in the Plaza on Sunday morning at 10:00 am. We still have to deal with the other 20 cans. Jan and Jennifer have some wonderful ideas they will bring to the next meeting.

Marcos was unable to make it to the meeting, but luckily was able to come after. We related the GIRRSA concerns and he is going to contact them about the missing garbage bins and the Sayulimpia truck.

Automatic External Defibrilators: Mike followed up on getting the information about the AEDs and when one needs one. Mike states that it’s obvious when a person needs CPR as they can’t believe. It’s probably that they cannot be moved and need someone to administer CP immediately. The AED needs to be brought to the victim within 3-5 minutes and every minute of delay results in the chance of resuscitation dropping by 10%. After 10 minutes the chance for survival is zero. There is insufficient time to transport the patient to the doctor’s office. CPR once started, CANNOT be stopped until a medical person arrives.

Given that there there needs to be some sort of fast response here in town. Mike has some good ideas. Dr. Moy has offered to teach operation of the AED and CPR to all interested. This will be publicized as soon as the new unit arrives.

There are three units currently in Sayulita, and soon to be four. The Salud has two units:

Contact Dr. Nayade Hermosillo 329-291-3623. The patient needs to be driven to the Salud or have an ambulance or other person pick up the doctor.

Pharmacia Bahia (Across from the Libreria) one unit

Drs. J. Luis Chavez and Monica Herrera 329-109-4179

Call the doctor to determine course of action. If possible, get the patient to the doctor, but it is possible to have doctor bring the unit to the patient.

The next unit will be delivered in February and kept at Mike Beck and Janet Anderson's house. They live at Colina de Iguana and his numbers are (H) 329-291-3895 (Janet's cell) 322-169-7485

Fund Raisers: The time is quickly approaching when we have to make plans for fund raising. Many ideas were discussed. The members were asked to think about ideas for further discussion next week. We can't do the work without the funds!

There being no other business, the meeting was ended and the next Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 22, 12:00 pm at the Blue Iguana

Micki Cunningham