



Pro-Sayulita Meeting February 12, 2009

“Making Sayulita a better place to live and visit”

The meeting was called to order by president, Cap Sparling. The old minutes were not read but everyone was told that they were on our GPS and Sayulitalife.com sites.

Cap asked that the committee heads meet half an hour early each week for the GPS meeting to take care of the items that do not need to take the time of the entire group.

Committee Reports:

Financials: Cyndy Jones brought a copy of the 2008 accounting and explained it to the group. The GPS books are now complete through 2008 and they will be put on our site. There are additional January 2009 expenses that include buying garbage cans, finishing the public bathroom, submitting Sayulita’s share of the electricity for shredder and moving funds that were “borrowed” from one account and given to another to get some tasks completed more easily. Cyndy will have an update at the next meeting.

Cheryl Vaughan, as the accountant for the public school committee, said that she will report on the book sales, donations and will hopefully have a report on all this by the next meeting. She reported that the work at the primary school is going very well and so far they have spent \$100,000 of the money raised at Gina Portillo’s fund raiser (for construction at the primary school only) and will get another check for \$50,000 the week of Feb 16th. Suzanne Gravelle is depositing the money own in the school account on a weekly basis. All book money and other donations may be spent on projects at any one of the schools.

Annual Budget: Cap asked that the each committee have a budget for this year by the next meeting so we can have an accurate picture of this year's expenses and just how much money is needed to reach the goals.

AED: Mike is waiting to obtain the second AED from the Salud so it can go to a doctor who has agreed to be on call to take it to any patient that needs it. Mike said he would give a free class on use of the AED as soon as he gets the unit from Marcos.

Global Ambulance of Puerto Vallarta will come to Sayulita and give a 5-hour certification class on CPR as long as there are three or more people commit to the class which costs \$450 Ps. It was suggested that someone from the Tecero Edad go to the class as the chance of someone needing this training is quite high at that facility.

Children's Park: Neither Gabbi or Tamra were able to attend, but sent a report: *We have decided to go with for the short term, a far more attainable goal for the existing kids park at the sports field. In short, this would revolve around a community driven day of improvements to the park we have now, painting, adding art, and more, as well as lining up some ongoing maintenance and upkeep via a gardener/groundskeeper. We are putting together the details, as well as what we would love to get as support from GPS. We will run this by you first, and go from there. The larger plan is still going to stay alive and growing, but this will allow us to take our time on the details, and also allows us a more immediate reachable goal that we can involve the town in right away. Maybe Earth Day would be the day we do the community effort. Sincerely Gabby and Tamra*

Beach Safety: Brandi, the new chair of the beach safety committee, brought another volunteer for the committee. Al was one of the first people to who became interested in beach safety and he helped in putting up flags to denote safety. Brandi reported that they are in need of rescue cans and the soft-top surf board to carry the cans out to the person in trouble. They would also like radios to better communicate quickly on the beach. They know someone who is certified in Water Safety who will do a class here in town if there is any interest. Brandi will present a budget next week.

Public Education: Cheryl said that the building at the elementary school is going very well with the roof going on this week. There is also an on going discussion as to what to do with the other buildings on the grounds and it's hoped that a media center, containing a study hall,

library and computers will be built where an unfinished building now sits, but there are no funds available at this time for such a building.

The after-school program project is growing. The committee is meeting with the parents and teachers next Tuesday at the school to discuss how to move forward. The first after-school English class is scheduled once the approval is given by the parents and teachers to move forward. The committee is also revisiting the English teacher for grades 1-3 and, if a candidate can be found, the teacher will be placed at the school for the rest of this school year.

Technology Fundraiser: this is a fundraiser organized by Patty Duarte, the computer teacher at the secondary school to solve the on going computer problems. The fundraiser will be March 9th, 5pm, at the La Fiesta restaurant on Revolucion. It's hoped that the maximum capacity of 250 people will attend. Patty has a flyer and Gina Portillo has agreed to print it as well as the tickets for the event.

There will be Mexican food, donated and prepared by the parents of the secondary school students as well as drinks, entertainment and an auction of donated items. In addition, a local artist will be creating a painting at the fundraise which will be sold that night. Students will also be singing, playing guitar and dancing. If any one has an item to donate, please contact Patty at laprof_1pdm@yahoo.com.mx. GPS will help in a number of ways. Patty is still working on the budget.

Recycle and Garbage: Traci explained that the Sayulimpia truck, which was purchased with GPS funds a few years ago and is managed by GIRRSA, will be splitting its time between Recycle and garbage collection. They will be working 4 hours for GIRRSA and 4 hours form Recycling, part of which will be at the Depot separating recycled items. This will free up Ramon Avila to do more community contacting and education to help the group to triple the amount of material being recycled today from 2 to 6 tonnes a week. Ramon and Traci both voiced the need to get more cooperation from local businesses to recycle correctly. Someone asked if our Delegado enforce the recycling but no one knows.

Recycle has 20 more wire bins, with recycle banners attached, and they will be placed around town this week. The old bins will be cleaned up and used at the depot where it's hoped that people will self-sort the plastics, etc they bring to the site. Tracy wants people in the various neighbor hoods to "adopt" a bin, which means to keep an eye on it and tell neighbors how to sort.

Depot news: The compactor will soon be delivered to the Depot to help squash plastic. In San Pancho the plastic is up and running and there is

more good news in that a developer in Punta de Mita has donated \$500 USD to buy a new scale for the Punta de Mita depot which will make that work so much faster.

Ramon Avila is the coordinator of recycling for Bucerias, Punta de Mita, San Pancho and Sayulita and his job is to make sure the recycle is properly sorted, and the equipment to properly used. He keeps records of what each town delivers and what is sold. He also does the education component with schools and businesses in this area.

Their being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting: Thursday, Feb 19, 2009 at the Blue Iguana 12:00 Noon.