



Pro-Sayulita Meeting Agenda

February 19, 2009

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

The meeting was called to order by president, Cap Sparling. The old minutes were not read as they were passed round and were posted on Sayulitalife and GPS sites. No one had any questions about the minutes.

Micki Cunningham, a long time GPS member and this year's secretary resigned. Cyndy Jones, our bookkeeper has also resigned effective March 31, 09.

Cap noted that with the exception on one date, the past minutes have not been translated. Maria and Nancy Avila will have a later discussion about assisting with that but Cap is looking for additional volunteers so one or two people are not stuck with all the translation work.

Pre-meeting: the committee heads are invited to come 30 minutes early on Thursdays to discuss some issues before the general meeting. At the meeting discussion included a report from Lazaros Cardenas from the Municipio who is head of water and sewage. He gave us an update issues of local interest including street cleaning and beautification plan, street paving and the town water system changes. Note: there are two separate street cleaning programs; one with the Delegado, using their street sweeper and the tools that GPS purchased for them (now housed in the bodega), and the new program submitted by Lazaro.

- Lazaro is asking for help from GPS to hire two workers to pick up garbage, cut back and clean (with machetes) the borders of the streets, and plant two gardens, (one with irrigation system) where Revolucion and the Punta de Mita road meet and also ahead of the new Sayulita entrance.

- Water update: Because of changes CFE made in voltage to the town, bigger pumps have had to be purchased to feed water to the steeper hills. Nanzal and Gringo hills should have full water within a couple of days.

GPS voted unanimously to split the cost of Lazaros' project providing three weeks of work for two workers, for a total cost of \$7500 pesos. Lazaros will come up with funds to pay the other three weeks through donations from local businesses.

Lazaros also mentioned that the Delegado's chore of cleaning all the Sayulita streets will commence after Sayulita Days (about 2 weeks) and that street paving will begin after the entrance work is completed (starting with Miramar and Manuel Navarette /Palmar). They will be putting in a cement culvert to make crossing the river easier.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AED: Mike Beck is waiting for Marcos Scott to obtain the AED from the Salud so he can take it to Doctor Moy who has agreed to provide 24 hour service along with free instruction.

The CPR class by Global Ambulance of PV has been locked in for Friday, February 27th at 10:00am at the Iguana Azul. The cost is \$450 pesos.

Bathroom update: Kenny Dahl sent an email with the following report:

A great deal of work has been done in the last several weeks to bring the banos online. This last week saw a turning point in the progress. The herrero from la Penita brought the mamparas he made in his shop and, with assistance from me and my albanil, we installed them. They look pretty good and are quite functional. Yesterday he also swapped the doors around so they swing properly to afford privacy to the "tenants" So with that step the banos are at least approaching usability. I had a brain-storming session onsite Tuesday the 17th with Clay Brom, who is providing light housings and "Hombres/Mujeres" signs and a "Sayulita" sign in his inimitable style. We worked out the modes, methods and wherefores of placement and attachment thereof and then I went to Home Depot to retrieve the bolts, nuts, screws, washers, spacers etc. that he needed. There is still some work needed on the doors--door knobs and spring closer and there is some repair work to be done to patch things and clean up after the herrero as well as purchasing and installing the tissue and paper towel dispensers, wastebaskets etc. But for all intents and purposes we are 99% ready for daytime use.

We do have an issue to deal with which is where and how to provide electricity to the rooms. It's available but some decisions have to be made on who pays, how

much and how soon? I assume this will be handled soon in a meeting with Oscar and Marcos and possibly myself. That meeting should also discuss the maintenance and operation issues. Well, thats my update. I will be meeting with Gustavo soon to go over final details and talk with Marcos about electricity.

Cap's comments: Thanks Kenny! You and your team have done a lot of work and we are all very interested in it's grand opening!

Beach Safety: A local businessman has offered to pay for a lifeguard on the beach if ATV's and Ski-doo's can be banned from the beach. There is concern over harm to wild life (turtles and people) as well as noise issues. Gabi Gallegos will ask the Delegado if there are any laws regarding motor vehicles on the beach. Gabi also suggested that an ATV and a Ski-doo might be valuable for water rescue and taking people to a Dr.

Children's Park: Gabbi and Tamra reported via email:

This last week we met with Nicole and Jaime her partner in the San Pancho park and he is coming up with a couple of plans for some recycled benches, etc. We are also laying out a groundwork for what the extent of the rehab will include. We will have a proposal to GPS in one week on funds needed for the clean up, re-do of park, plus further thoughts on the details of the plan for the big day of park-rehab!

Delegado update: There was discussion about a proposal from Christopher Bruno regarding a program he wrote a year or more ago that would allow people to report robberies (or any kind of violence) and where it took place. The information would allow the people and the govt to access the files to see where violence and lawlessness was taking place in town. If the police, Delegado or the town's citizens wants this program, Chris said he would put it on the GPS site..

Financials: Cyndy Jones updated the financials through January. Money was spent on garbage cans, a plastic bottle shredder and the new bathroom. She explained we have to move money around to get the accounts accurate and she'll do that next week. For example book money is being "borrowed" to pay the recycle depot employee and funds from the GPS account was used on the new bathrooms which are supposed to be paid for with funds from the Sewage account. Cyndy said that she would put the financials for January on the site.

Fund Raiser: Mlcki reported to Cap before the meeting that she'd talked to Damien Porter about the fun raising event for this year and he generously offered Don Pedros party venue on the point for our annual event. They will pay for the site, food, liquor and staff. Damien said that he would get back to Micki with a date in March when the location was available.

In order to move forward Cap suggested that a group of volunteers form this year's fund raising committee. An idea originally proposed by Bonnie Metzger, and re-introduced by Suzanne, suggested that instead of normal auction items where people often go home with items they don't want that are offered by the same individuals and companies year after year, that this year we consider having lists of things we need, such as "one week's wages at the recycle depot \$1,000 PS", or "a computer" be offered and people can buy actual items we need. Another example might be a display for English books (for sale) for primary schools; with two children at a table practicing their English. Another display might be for the Animal Clinic, etc. Then perhaps have two or three large auction items that could be done live. Volunteers for the committee are Cap, Janet, Mike, Maria and Leslie. Still awaiting a committee chair but someone suggested that Bonnie might take that position.

Parking (a new committee): Jeffrey Gersten brought up the idea of angle parking and one way streets as a means of making the traffic flow better in town. Cap explained that he believes that these decisions are ultimately decided by the County President and the best we can do is encourage our Delegado to work with the president to get these kind of changes done. Jeffrey said that he's been in contact with Armando from the Delegado's office who was interested in his ideas. Cap suggested a new committee be formed with Jeffrey as Chairman who then offered to submit an architectural plan to the Delegado detailing angled parking on Revolution.

Recycling/Garbage: Suzanne Gravelle reported that Gustavo has received a raise (\$1200 pesos per week) and Traci has pledged \$200 pesos a week until sales proceeds take over that cost. She explained the formula for funds returning to GPS: The proceeds from selling the recycled materials are applied to the cost for recycling worker, machinery, and electricity. Anything left over comes back to GPS. The Punta Mita foundation is currently putting together their grant and the various village Bodegas are joining together to attract the dollars. Suzanne reminded all of the weekly recycling effort at the Bodega every Sunday at 3p. The volunteers from the Delegado made a great showing the first week but have not been seen since.

An observation: It was great to have the new recycle bins go out in several neighborhoods last week, but several went out without garbage bins and now garbage is piling up around the recycle bins. We hope that the balance of the green garbage cans will be distributed this week.

Schools: Cheryl Vaughn had a busy week of meetings including one with Patty Duarte from the secondary school regarding her fundraiser (3/9) to pay for some computers and another with parents from primary school on the after school program. The after-school program for the Primary school is off to a slow start but Cheryl is convinced that it will soon be in place and loved by all those that attend it. She's hoping that classes will start this coming Tuesday at 12:30p and

will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday. Students will be fed before classes and Cheryl asked for volunteers to help pay for the food. A budget for food needs to be submitted.

Announcements:

- The new Animal Clinic opens on Saturday, February 28th at about 5pm (I think).
- The Costa Verde fund-raiser is Thursday, Feb. 26th at Villa del Oso. Cost is \$500 pesos with proceeds going to scholarship fund.
- The computer fund raiser is in early March, the 9th at La Fiesta.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed. Next meeting will be at 12:00pm on Feb. 26th at the Blue Iguana.

Minutes: Janet Anderson