



Pro-Sayulita Meeting

February 26, 2009

“Making Sayulita a better place for everyone to live and visit”

The meeting was called to order by President Cap Sparling

Minutes from the last meeting were approved and everyone at the meeting introduced themselves.

Cap called the meeting to order with a reminder of the mission statement of GPS *“Making Sayulita a better place for everyone to live and visit”*

GPS is still looking for help in getting the minutes translated.

Committee Reports:

AED: Mike Beck: Reminded everyone that there is a CPR/AED and water safety class on Friday 10am. Regarding the extra AED at the SALUD, Marcos reported that the Doctor is amenable to returning the AED. A receipt needs to be created for the return. Nurses at the Salud are interested in learning how to use an AED. Ian will publish the locations of the AED's on Sayulitalife. Damien at Don Pedros has offered to buy an AED as well. Battery life and replacement was discussed as it appears that they can cost as much as 50% of the total cost of the unit.

Bathrooms: Marcos says they are almost completed; they just need electricity and this issue needs to be decided by the Baseball group. It's hoped that the bathrooms will be opened in the next few weeks.

Children's Park: Major changes are on hold for this year but a cleanup of the existing playground equipment is going to be done. Cap talked to Marcos about how the property is controlled, and it appears that the ownership is a mystery but that Oscar _____ is the primary contact.

Finance: Cyndy Jones is resigning at the end of the month. Suzanne mentioned there is someone interested, and will follow up. Prior to Cyndy's leaving, she will complete a bit of business:

- Write a check to Traci for 6 months of Depot wages at 1000 Ps per week and will get a signed receipt for these funds from Traci. Traci or Suzanne will return books funds that have been used to pay for some weeks in the past.
- Cyndy will make sure that all the GPS funds are in the correct account, i.e., funds from GPS that funded the bathroom will be moved from the Sewage account and put into the GPS account and so on. She said that there is about \$138,000 Ps in the Sewage account and suggests we might want to move them to the general fund if the group agrees.
- Cyndy was on vacation so Cap paid Lazaro for the street cleaning we agreed too (three wks total \$7,650) and so Cyndy will write him a check for that amount. The Delegado's office is to pay the final three weeks road cleaning thought Lazaro does not think they can afford it right now.
- Cyndy will go over the books with the new accounting person as needed.
- Cap will ask Cyndy to sign some HSBC checks in advance while we get a new signer setup.

GPS Fund Raiser: The first meeting will be 2pm on Saturday at El espresso. Damien has offered their Party Palapa, food, help and liquor, but no date yet. Micki is working with Damien to get that set. It will be a huge

challenge to pull this off in less than a month and all help will be appreciated.

Life Saving: Brande Lyons reported that Terrazala has agreed to do a fundraiser to buy a rescue soft surfboard, rescue cans and radios and hire a lifeguard. Jose Luis Caselin offered the possibility of Punta Sayulita Development supplying the rescue equipment as long as there is a guarantee of safe storage.

Don Pedro's has offered to hire a lifeguard if ATV's and jet skis traffic could be banned from the beach. Someone mentioned that there is a law against these vehicles driving on the beach but we need to follow up on that and how to enforce it. Marcie mentioned two tour groups are responsible for the ATV's on the beach. Perhaps the Delegado can be approached to find out if they can enforce the ban by a sign, so it looks official (at least to the tourists).

Parking/Traffic: Jeffrey Gersten is researching how to get angled parking into the master plan for the street paving. He'll get a map of the town and approach Noe and Lazaros on how to move forward on this.

Error! Reference source not found. from Avalos asked if paid parking could be arranged for locals to leave open street spots for tourists. There was a complaint that sandwich boards on the street take up valuable parking spots and possible Jeffrey could discuss with the Delegado when they talk about parking. Point was made if you make the streets pedestrian only; you take away a lot of parking spots.

Public Education Project: Cheryl Vaughan praised her committee. After school program didn't start on Tuesday because of Sayulita days but Parents and teachers are coming on board. They now have permission slips and lesson plans for next Tuesday and Wednesday from 12:30-

1:45p. They will start with 30 kids. All are invited to come and see. Light lunch will be served. General school and lab supplies are coming. Budget is ready to be presented. Need \$6,000 to \$10,000 dollars which includes computers for secondary school and an English Teacher. Media center will be big ticket item for the future.

Book sales: Going great. Suzanne supplies the retail businesses with books and many are very helpful. However, she shared a story of one business keeping the money. Call for help by Eric and Barbara for more help in selling books as there are only two couples that are doing this regularly. If you are willing to take an hour and sell books in the plaza, the equipment and books are at the ice cream store. Remember to fill out the books sales info and give the money to Suzanne.

Recycle and Garbage: Suzanne asked for more people to come to the Wed. 3p meetings. Every 2nd week there is a regional recycle meeting. The March 4th meeting will include Bucerias, Punta Mita, La Piñita and Chacala.

A reminder that every Sunday at 3pm all are invited to help sort and tidy at the Bodega on the Punta de Mita road. GIRRSA is now picking up garbage that comes in the recycle bins at the Bodega so the bodega is getting cleaned up. The compactor and shredder are now working at San Pancho and this has halved the cardboard mountain. There is a need for more garbage cans, and better quality ones. Patty offered to help get them painted. How many we need and should they be heavy duty plastic needs to be considered.

Error! Reference source not found. turned in a budget for the balance of this year:

- Rent at Depot/Bodega \$40,000 Ps
- Wages: \$48,000 for one worker
- Electricity: \$1000 Ps

- Materials including hydraulic oil: to be determined\
- More Garbages cans was added later by Cap; 40 costs about \$6500 Ps.

New Business:

- Translation of the notes: The meeting notes are not getting translated though there have been offers to do this work. If we want the Spanish speaking community to know what we are doing and discussing we need to get our notes translated. If anyone knows of anyone that help, please have them contact Cap Sparling cap@sayulitarental.com. We would like to keep the new Delegado informed in particular.
Scholarships (for after school program): Suggestion that scholarship be given a monetary value so that students can tradeout for community service like making jewelry or cleaning up. Committee may ask for payment in the future, perhaps to cover lunch; but for now, GPS will pay all expenses.

Announcements:

- Costa Verde scholarship fundraiser tonight 5 pm.
- Animal Clinic open house Saturday 2-6 with ribbon cut at 3pm.
- Computer fundraiser March 9 at La Fiesta. Jose Luis Caselin has offered to be master of ceremonies for the event if his schedule permits.
- T-shirt Revolution has offered to donate money they earn from selling one of their Tee shirts. Huge thanks to them!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and the next meeting will be at Blue Iguana on March 5th.

Janet Anderson, Secretary

