



# Pro-Sayulita Meeting

March 5, 2009

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

Meeting called to order by President Cap Sparling

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

## Committee Reports:

**AED:** Mike Beck reported that the CPR class was successful and had a good turnout of about 15. Marcos has secured the AED from the Salud and Mike meets with Dr. Moy next week to coordinate the free demo. Sayulitalife will post the locations of all 4 AEDs. The hope is that this is the beginning of an emergency response program in Sayulita.

**Animal Clinic:** Cherry Olson reported that their grand opening was very successful and then went on to give a presentation to the group about their need for support for the Animal Clinic. She explained that many services, like neutering, meds and foster care are being offered free and while their hope is that the paid services will eventually pay for these services, they don't yet. Their costs right now are \$11,000 PS per month, which covers the Vet (\$5000 PS), rent, and utilities. GPS voted that the welfare of animals should be supported and they will be invited to present at the fundraiser on March 25th.

**Bathrooms:** Kenny Dahl reports that the banos are pretty much finished. They still need latches and springs for entry doors; Mirrors installed (they are cut and ready); and a little more metal work and patching. Clay's work, the signs and lights, are ready and he expects to put them on this week. The next step is to get someone to run it and maintain it. Kenny has a bill for about \$5,000 and needs another \$5,000 to be totally finished. We are planning on an April 4 opening with the Delegado and hopefully the county President to be there.

**Children's Park:** Jennifer reported that the program is on hold until more time and effort can be devoted to it. Once the baseball field gets cleaned up, money might be sought to pay a gardener/cleaner.

**The Delegado:** The assistant Delegado, Armando, attended the meeting at the invitation of Gabi Gallego, who helped translate. Armando was the Delegado some years ago and is eager to work with GPS on mutually beneficial projects. He was asked several questions surrounding the authority of the Delegado.

The first was who has jurisdiction over the baseball field. Armando responded that Oscar and the baseball players do. GPS asked Armando if a meeting could be set up with him to discuss, among other things, if part of the field could be used for play ground equipment for the kids.

The second question was about garbage being tossed into the river. He responded that the Delegado's office does have jurisdiction over that and agreed that people shouldn't be throwing garbage in the river. Armando mentioned he is trying to get the word out to residents that there are scheduled hours for garbage pickup and that they should not take your garbage out after the pickup. Perhaps the garbage collectors could ring a bell to announce they're coming.

The third question to Armando centered on ATV's on the beach and Armando did say there is a law forbidding it and the municipality has to enforce it. Armando offered to help by being the middleman to the county. If there is a law, can signs be posted on the beach?

Cap asked Armando if a playground at the schoolyard would be approved by SEP? If so, there would be interest in pursuing that. GPS also asked Armando if he could invite the Delegado, Noe, to our next meeting.

Finance: Cyndy Jones is resigning at the end of March and we hope to have someone in place before then. Among the final tasks that need to be done are:

- Write a check to Traci for 6 months of Depot wages (\$26,000 PS)
- moving the GPS funds into the correct accounts.

GPS Fund Raiser March 25th: Bonnie Metzger explained there is a new concept this year, both humorous and interactive that targets the critical needs under the GPS umbrella; schools, recycle, beach safety, and animal welfare.

Damien of Don Pedros has generously offered their location on the point, food, liquor, DJ, and sound system at no cost. Andrea and Gabbi Villarrubia are donating the lights and Marshall Lundberg, one of their suppliers is doing the setup for free. As the timeline is very short, the committee is asking for volunteers to help at the event.

Parking/Traffic: Jeffrey Gersten continues to research and collect information about parking along river, or on calle Revolution, as well as working to find traffic flow solutions.

Public Education Project: Cheryl Vaughan reported that English classes started last Tuesday. All 30 kids attended, with a large group watching, which included Moms and

**Dads. A great success! Cheryl asked for more volunteers to teach.**

**Patty Duarte reported that someone from the Sayulita Sun is going to assess the computers so that simple fixes can be done now as they figure out how to move forward with new computers.**

**Recycle and Garbage: Error! Reference source not found. and David Geist reported on the regional recycle meeting. They did a brief overview on why they chose the recycle company they did which was made in part as this company keeps the product in Mexico (rather than shipping to China).**

**There is interest in following the example of Lake Chapala Recycling where the money goes to scholarships for kids and the kids continue to help with recycling in the community. Suzanne mentioned the challenge of separating business vs. foundation.**

**Sorting of recycle and garbage is going smoother now that there is a new contract with a good worker who spends all his time at the depot. The concentration has now shifted from regional recycling to just the Sayulita depot. There is a need for 40 more garbage cans and this group will research who is the best supplier and report back.**

### **Announcements:**

**Computer fundraiser March 9  
GPS fundraiser on March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**We still need translators for the minutes and we will pay if necessary..**

**Kevin Roberts, one of the Principals of the new Punta Sayulita development Company attended the meeting to introduce himself, and find out what GPS is all about. He**

**explained there will be a Punta Sayulita foundation to help the community.**

**Minutes taken by Janet Beck**