



**Pro-Sayulita Meeting  
March 12, 2009**

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

**Meeting was called to order by President Cap Sparling:  
Discussed possibility of early meeting with committees**

**Minutes from the last meeting were approved.**

**Committee Reports:**

**AED: Mike Beck: Mike showed a portable AED and described the difference between his and the one that came from the Salud that went to Dr. Moy which is not as portable. GPS needs to decide if we should get a portable one for \$600 with a limited specialized battery, or a more expensive unit that runs on everyday batteries and we are hoping that these will be donated by groups or individuals.**

**Animal Clinic: No specific reports but overall good response from the town regarding their services.**

**Bathrooms: There was a meeting between Marcos Scott, Kenny Dahle and Cap on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Marcos and Kenny felt we should plan on a grand opening of the bathroom on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April, the Saturday before Semana Santa. We would hope to have the Delegado and possible even President Panyagua being present.**

**There was also discussion on who should have the responsibility for keeping it clean and pay for repairs. Charging 5 PS a visit should pay for expenses and an attendant. Since GPS wants to avoid hiring of employees, Jose Luis Caslin will speak with the Delegado about their taking over this obligation. Should we pay for the repairs? There was discussion that GPS would take on those expenses for 3 months and**

see what happens. It was decided that a plaque stating who paid and built would be a good idea.

Oscar, the current head of the baseball field is stepping down and a new person will be elected soon.

Finance: We are still looking for a replacement for Cyndy Jones but Cheryl Vaughn has volunteered to get it in order to pass it off to new person. Thank you, Cheryl.

- check to Traci for Depot wages is completed
- not sure whether Cyndy has moved the various funds into the correct accounts.

GPS Fund Raiser March 25th:

The fundraising committee is looking for volunteers to sell tickets in the plaza, and to setup and teardown at the event. Also, any contacts for live auction items would be appreciated. This is the largest fundraising event of the year so please help. FYI, almost all of the Sewage funds raised for the building of the sewage plant have been spent over the past few years so this fund raiser is vital to paying for our ongoing commitments.

Life Saving: Jose Luis reported that Punta Sayulita Development has agreed to pay for some basic rescue equipment and GPS is very appreciative. A liability question was raised for those doing the rescuing and Mike Beck explained that he was told by Global Ambulance that there is no liability for an individual in providing first aid to a victim as long as the person is certified. Global Ambulance did an CPR certification class here in Sayulita a few weeks ago and can do another if there is enough interest.

Parking/Traffic: Jeffrey Gersten reported that there would be a meeting with the Delegado Noe Placencia and others on Friday to discuss parking within the master roads plan. We look forward to hearing the thoughts of this group. FYI, “traffic” and “road cleanliness” were two of the campaign issues that our new Delegado.

Public Education Project: Patty Duarte reported that the secondary school computer fundraiser was well attended, and very cost effective. Cheryl Vaughn reported that the dinner/auction raised around \$97,995p. it was noted that book sales are still going strong which benefits the general school income for GPS.

There is a new need at the secondary school as one of the classrooms is flooding and the room needs a new tiled floor that will cost \$5,000 PS. GPS voted to provide the money.

Primary school English class is up to 57 students from its start a week ago! They will be adding more 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade kids this coming week. Volunteers are welcomed and you don't need to be a teacher to volunteer.

Cap discussed the news from Gina Portillo that the State SEP is very happy with the improvements to the primary school and that they have recommended that our primary school be appointed a Millennial School for the coming year. This means that the school day would be much longer with many more classes offered. Patty mentioned the secondary school applied 3 years ago and was turned down and it was suggested that we see if we can have both schools made Millennial schools for the coming year.

Recycle and Garbage: Suzanne Gravelle reported on the importance of having proper contracts and channels at the regional recycling meeting in Punta Mita. Punta Mita foundation is not as cash rich as they were and have applied for more funding.

The question was asked if garbage should be separate from recycling; the decision was no. Marcos is still our liaison for garbage.

#### New Business

Bonnie Metzger has taught art to children in Sayulita for several years but she had to stop last year due to lack of space. Rodrigo Pena, #2 at the county has offered the Casa De La Cultura for her to start up her classes. There is a proposal to create a committee of 4 (3 Mexicans and an American) to explore Mexican art and culture. Bonnie reported that the building is a mess with no tables or chairs. There would be a one time upfront cost of about \$50,000 PS then monthly maintenance.

Bonnie asked if GPS would support this effort under the education committee and Cap asked Bonnie to do a budget and get a written statement that the space can be used for a year.

Prosayulita.org Website: Last year Jackie Whiting kept the site updated but it hasn't been updated this year except for our meeting notes. Jackie said that we need to make it current and keep it so or let it go. Jackie will make it current but wants GPS committee heads or someone else from GPS to do the committee updates. Group

**agreed that committees will contact her and she will create a template for committee heads to input new information.**

**John Gillett of Casa Abuelos has offered to pay for new street and “one way” signs in town. Jeff Gersten will contact him to see about including him on the master plan.**

**As there was no other business, meeting was adjourned.**

**Janet Anderson Secretary**