



Pro-Sayulita Meeting

April 2, 2009

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

President Cap Sparling called meeting to order. Minutes from the last meeting were passed around and there were no comments.

Committee Reports:

AED: No Report

Animal Clinic: Cherry reported that the clinic is operating very smoothly for their first month but they don't have any data to share with GPS as yet. Any and all direct donations to their clinic would be very much appreciated.

New Bathroom: Gender plaques for the bathroom doors and one noting the donation of the bathrooms by GPS were given to Kenny Dahle this week. Kenny came to the meeting to discuss the issue of bathroom management as he feels strongly that someone has to make sure that the bathrooms are being operated correctly. Someone suggested that we find out who is managing the other new bathroom on the beach and see if they might watch the new one as well. Another suggestion was to talk to Noe and/or Armando about doing that job. Someone else suggested that possibly Patty Duarte could be of assistance here. Cap said he would check into the

suggestions and come back with a recommendation. But, it was agreed by all present that until we know that the bathrooms are being cared for, they would stay closed.

Kenny said that a water tank on the roof would cost about \$2,000 PS, and the group recommended buying one so that there is always water for flushing.

Finance: Cheryl is in the States and won't be back until the 9th. Cap has been collecting the money from the fund raiser and paying some expenses from the cash on hand. Among those expenses was \$3,000 (deposit) for the GPS stickers and \$7000 for 42 new garbage cans (about 10% more expensive than the ones we bought in December).

Life Saving: Brande reported that there has been safety training every day this week and that 8 people, assuming they pass the final tests, would get a certificate. She said that she needed \$12,300 Ps to pay the instructor and Cap said he would give it to her after the meeting.

Parking/Traffic: Marcos reported that President Panyagua was in Sayulita this week to inaugurate the new entrance road and said that cobble stoning work would begin in the next few weeks on three unpaved roads on the north side of the river around the baseball field. His report of road building did not include all the roads, or the new bridge, that Lazaro reported last month but any road building is good news.

The offer by John Gillette and his wife to pay for street signs, regardless of the type, was brought up again and Marcos said that making a presentation to Valle would move this project ahead faster.

Marcos also suggested that GPS fund some truckloads of large rocks to widen the area for parking on the north side of the bridge and along the river. There was some discussion about environmental requirements and he noted

that they would have to be followed of course. The reason for the suggestion is that the wider the area between the ballpark and the river the more cars can be parked, reducing the town center traffic issues. It's possible that GPS can assist in this kind of expense but we can't initiate the work.

There was a question on whether we get receipts for those things GPS pays for, i.e., the tools we paid for to clean the roads, the money we gave Lazaro for cleaning Revolucion or school projects. Cap reported that he got a signed paper for the money GPS gave Lazaro (\$7550 PS) but nothing more. He didn't know about the receipt for the tools given the Delegado in January. Cap did add here that he hoped we would eventually have our own road sweeper to keep our paved roads dust free.

Regarding Lazaro's road cleaning project on Revolucion, Cap reported that Lazaro was not able to get the remaining 3 weeks of wages that were promised by the Delegado's office and Lazaro's hoping GPS would pay that money (another \$7550 Ps). No decision was made pending the return of Cheryl and her report on our financial situation.

Public Education Project: Cheryl is out of town so there was no report on how we did at the fundraiser. There was some discussion on other subjects:

1. **Books:** There are boxes of books that are waiting in the States for a delivery to Sayulita. Marcos said that he would be in Arizona next month and would bring them down if they could be delivered to him there. Someone reported that Gina knew of the correct paperwork that was needed to insure no customs payment at the border. There was general agreement that it was better to have school materials brought down when people were driving here rather than paying freight. There might be exceptions.

2. **Teaching English in the summer:** Cap brought up the question of who would teach the kids English when the foreign community was gone. Steve Pomeroy said that hiring a person would cost 55 Ps per hour (plus prep time) and that the work would have to be done after normal school hours. He said that they have one teacher for 5 students at Costa Verde. The issue of food was also brought up. Cap reminded everyone that this was only exploratory questioning and that a full discussion would take place when Cheryl was back. But, if we are going to support the teaching of English over the hot months, we need to know our options ASAP.
3. **Patty Duarte, the Secondary School Director and a computer salesman** came to the meeting to discuss the computer purchase for the school and they agreed to meet with Cap after the meeting. In a subsequent email between Cap and Cheryl, it was agreed to do nothing for the next two weeks.

Recycle and Garbage: Cap ordered 42 garbage cans and paid Cocula \$7,000 Ps. (\$165 Ps each) and painting will be more. We are going to put the GPS logo's on them instead of the handprints. Two people have asked if they can buy one of our garbage cans and the group agreed that they could if they paid a premium for them.

Patty reported that there are 5 or 6 garbage cans STILL sitting at the secondary school and David said that he would see if he could get them moved to the two places that desperately needed them; one was on the south side of town at Los Cocos and Revolucion and the other on the north side where you turn right to Lalo and Gina's home.

David Geist reported that he's leaving in the coming week and that Traci would be coming as committee head. He said that they were ordering 10 more recycle baskets (with banners) and it was suggested they order 20 as the town

needed them. The price was \$7,400 Ps and the group agreed to pay for this expense. David also said that Traci was negotiating with Santos for 6 months rent for \$18,000 Ps. What share they might need from GPS was not known.

Steve Pomeroy came to the meeting to ask for some money for a project he's working on with kids to help clean up the beaches north and south of the main beach. He needs to buy large plastic bags that they will take to the beaches with signs asking everyone to put their garbage in the bags. He will then work with Traci and GIRRSA to get the bags picked up with the small truck during and after Semana Santa. He said that Traci would donate three of her large recycle containers for the project. The group agreed to give Steve \$1500 Ps and Eric Rudd gave him the money at the meeting but needs to be paid back by GPS.

New Business:

1. Cap reported that he would not run for President next season but would work with Cheryl on the school committee.
2. Cap also asked for a volunteer to oversee the business of GPS from June to November, as he will be out of town.
3. Cap asked everyone to think about how they would allocate funds to the different committees, as this would be discussed in the next month.
4. It was agreed to have no GPS meeting the week of Semana Santa.

There being no other business, the meeting was ended.

Cap Sparling