



# Pro-Sayulita Meeting

April 16, 2009

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

Meeting was called to order by President Cap Sparling  
Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Note changes below to our site done by Jackie Whiting and  
Christopher Bruno.

## GPS Site: (Projects)

Added:

### 1) New Projects

- Emergency Safety
- Sayulita Street Signs

### 2) Revised

- Project categories for projects to: New, Ongoing, Completed and Partnered
- Deleted following "new" 2009 projects: Cultural Center, Road Paving, Security, Parking & Traffic Control, Zoning Revisions

### 3) Ongoing Projects:

- Added Sayulimpia Phase 2 project picture and content

- Updated Sayulimpia, re: Girrsa contract, etc.
- Changed project picture for Recycling

#### 4) Partnered Projects:

- Revised Sayulitanimals content and pictures

#### 5) Blogs

- Added new blog entry and pictures for Recycling

Event Results Announcement: to be released on 4/17/09 pending approval of financial info. submitted by Cheryl

#### GPS Home Page

- 1) Chris created thumbnail of fiesta poster with picture of the winner of the big live auction, thumbnail announces total earned, "click "for additional info., jumps to event blog
- 2) Slide show of event pictures will replace random slide show pictures on home page for x weeks (you decide how long)
- 3) Event blog drafted with pictures, event info., thank you to sponsors on GPS site

#### SayulitaLife/SayulitaSon

- 1) Press release in SayulitaLife Forum under GrupoProSayulita user name, announcing results, referring reader to GPS web site for more info., pictures, etc.
- 2) Event blog/article released to SayulitaSon

**Note: We need someone to help maintain the website that Jackie has set up and this work could be done from anywhere.**

**Patty Duarte has generously agreed to translate the minutes each week.**

**Committee Reports:**

**AED: Mike Beck needs to meet with Damien to see if he wants to buy an AED so he can go ahead and order two; one purchased by Damien, and the other by GPS. The GPS unit would live with Dr. Moy. Mike will check to see if the AED's have bilingual capacity. Cap will add thanks to Dr. Moy on the forum for his generous help on the beach during Semana Santa.**

**Animal Clinic: Tamara and Sara (cofounders) reported on their program. Since opening six weeks ago, they have treated 40 animals, and have 120 new clients, both locals and expats.**

**Among their free services are finding foster homes, and educating the community on pet care, with an emphasis on teaching students about animal welfare. But they are overwhelmed and are in need of another Vet that will cost \$5,000 Ps a month.**

**They would also like to apply for AC status (not profit) to be able to accept donations of medicines. The cost is 8000 Ps to apply. Other costs are 3500 Ps for rent, 1000 Ps for electricity and 800 Ps for phone. Cost of drugs is still unknown at this point. Most of their clients are locals and they are paying for the services and these paid services will help offset these costs, and those numbers will be available after all their setup costs are factored in. Their next goal is to place traps for feral cats to catch and neuter and release. Sayulitalife and Sayulita Sun are highlighting "pet of the week".**

**Bathrooms: It appears that the Delegado has organized the bathroom management and they look like they're being taken care of. GPS will get a quote for an extra water**

cistern in the event water is out in the town and will vote on that expense next week.

**Finance:** Cheryl gave a breakdown of the fundraiser. As of today over 350,000p was raised. There was discussion on what to do with the Waste water fund of 133,000p. Berne talked about keeping it as a reserve for an emergency. Jan suggested we save it for future expansion. Cap mentioned that Lazaro said that the new resort at the north end of the beach was going to pay for sewage plant expansion and a new road north. There is sensitivity to putting it back into the general fund. More discussion to follow and we will make a careful decision on this subject.

Cheryl wants to move to the Banomex in Bucerias as they have an “executive office” and HSBC charges a lot for transactions and it takes a very long time for service. Cheryl announced she can now sign checks along with Marcos.

**Life Saving:** No report other than the county had staff on the beach and lifeguards and an ambulance for emergencies. Mike also reported that Dr. Moy took the week off to stand by on the beach should there be any emergencies. Mike reported that two kids did have problems and were taken care of by lifeguards and the police.

**Parking/Traffic:** As reported earlier, John Gillette and his wife have offered to pay for street signs for the town. Mike and Cap will count the street corners and approach Noe with some examples of how those signs might look and how many would be necessary. It's believed that Valle will make the final decision on whether to do or not do signs in town.

**Public Education Project:** The English books are ready to be shipped to Marcos when he's in Arizona later this month or brought down in the fall.

Cheryl needs volunteers for the summer months. No English classes on Tuesday but they will instead focus on earth month activities. There will be 5 events and the afterschool program will donate the recycled materials. Examples are a fashion show for grades 7-9 where they'll be using donated clothes; and jewelry making from recycled plastic. The event will be held the last Saturday in May which is earth day. The new classroom floor at the Secondary School is almost finished and the Director was reported seen doing the painting to help get it ready for use when the kids come back next week. GPS agreed to pay the overage of 1,090 Ps for completion. Next year, the afterschool program will share the computer lab at the secondary school for English instruction.

Recycle and Garbage: Cap ordered 42 cans and paid Cocula \$7,000 Ps. They were 165 Ps each. Need to pay for painting and the new GPS logos will be added when they are done next week.

Tracie reported that 12 tons of garbage was sent out (from 3 towns) making 4800 Ps which gets divided 3 ways. Everyone agrees this is way too much work for too little money. Tracie feels the town needs to step to be involved in the cost of recycling and not have GPS pay for all of it. GPS will approach the community to see what can be done. Tracie received leftover money from the fund last year and new money donated at the fundraiser to pay for 6 months rent. Cheryl suggested a subcommittee be formed to help Tracie, and several members have agreed.

#### New Business:

1. Marcos will manage the GPS business of the group over the summer
2. How to spend allocate the money for the causes of Sayulita has yet to be decided.

### **3. Cultural Center: Bonnie Metzger wasn't at the meeting but did write her thoughts in an email:**

*The goal I have is to discuss a matching grant with Rodrigo Pena at the Municipal. He has been a major supporter of my efforts in teaching art to over 100 students in the past four years and has a major desire to utilize the Casa de la Cultura for the purpose that it was built, which is a focus on MEXICAN culture, art, exhibitions, classes, music, Huichol demonstrations, yoga and more.*

*Rodrigo has given me verbal go ahead to pursue a proposal I have presented to him which will involve bringing in visiting local, regional, and national artisans and others for the activities listed above. He is working on getting formal approval from his boss who is the president of the municipal and has demonstrated his support by purchasing tables, new locks, fixing plumbing and electrical issues.*

*Working with Jorge Grasso, Gloria Navarro, Edgar from the municipal who is in charge of municipal exhibitions and Rodrigo Pena hijo, we have work currently underway.*

*The first phase is this summer, beginning painting classes for men, another for ninos, yoga week days and nights, possibly sewing lessons for women and an event on May 5th to garner volunteers, ideas and community support.*

*Next season, if all goes as hoped, there will be ongoing activities for locals and foreigners, again focused on Mexican culture.*

*I anticipate funding needs to be art materials, yoga mats, weekly maid and-or gardener, possibly more tables, paint for the building, and possibly an artist to paint the name on the*

*facade. No dollar amount yet, just raising the hope.*

**Entire group will decide next week on the next year's election of GPS board.**

**The director of the secondary school came to thank GPS for their support in the purchase of 30 new computers. There was time lost for the students when the computers died and now they are back on track. Aside from class materials, what is the priority for them? Patty Duarte said that they would like stairs that go up to the classrooms and a lunch area and a roof at the school. Wed. 4/22 is inauguration of the new computers. All are invited.**

**There being no further business the meeting was closed.**