



Pro-Sayulita Agenda May 7, 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.

Committee Reports:

AED:

- The group voted to purchase a defibulator which costs about \$2,000. Dr. Moy will keep this machine and take it to anyone having a problem.
- Damien Porter may buy a defibulator for Don Pedro's and Mike Beck will wait to hear from Damien before placing an order.

Animals:

- New Vet is now working 4 days a week.
- Cat traps have been ordered.
- They are still looking for a house for Marcos the Vet to stay in over the summer (he's living in the office).
- The clinic provided GPS with a funding proposal and GPS gave them the requested 53,575ps.

Education

- Next year an educational component about animals and recycling will be added to the school criteria.
- There was a discussion on the need for the Primary school to have a compost pit. It would be a year long project for the students to, plant, harvest and then put the unneeded plant material into the compost pit.

- The English teacher is leaving so the daytime English program is ending at the primary school.
- Afterschool program continues with more volunteers once the kids are back in school. Goal is to get the students on computers.
- Secondary school project: We misunderstood finance request for stairs. Instead of 4000ps, they wanted 40,000ps. GPS offered to cover cost of materials if the school can get the labor.
- Cheryl has found two grants to apply for to be used for a media center or kitchen on primary school grounds. There is a need to hire someone to teach computer skills for adults. A grant could pay for a person.

Finance:

- We currently have a total of \$472,559.19 Ps in the GPS account. This includes 139,203.90 Ps in the waste water account, 42,268.82 Ps in the Education account and 291,086.47ps in the general fund.
- There was a decision to keep the school and waste water funds switch at Lloyds as we make money on our money as opposed to paying high service fees at HSBC. What was not known at the meeting is if a Mexican Non-Profit has to have a Bank account as Lloyds is not a “bank”.
- Cap reported we’re not able to create our own 501C because all of the funds we get from the US are spent in Mexico. We will continue to use Second Wind as they continue their generous offer of just charging us their costs.

Parking/Traffic:

- Jose Luis will ask Noe (the Delegado) how we start the process of street signs and we’ll go from there.
- Cap counted the streets and believes we need between 60 and 70 street signs.
- Street signs are a generous donation from the Gillett’s. Cap reported on a conversation he had with Damien Porter where it’s possible that Punta Sayulita and the new development at the north end of our beach managed by Kelly Forester, might be willing to share in the costs of doing street signs.

Recycle and Garbage:

- Melanie reported they expect to receive about \$16,000 Ps from the sale of recycled materials. Plus, now that Riviera de Banderas Ricicla has recognized Sayulita as a contributor, we can receive recycling from the Four Seasons which will generate even more income.
- The GPS Stickers that Cap had made are going to Tracie and Melanie for the recycle bins. If you are in town, there are three of these stickers around the middle of the new green garbage cans.
- Jose Luis will be placing 5 garbage cans on the beach and Tracie will add two recycle bins to the beach.

New Business:

- A decision was made to give money to Lazaro for road cleanup through December. We will pay for one worker for 6 weeks at 1300 Ps per week for a total of 5200 Ps.
- Beach cleanup: Discussion headed by Jose Luis on why there isn't more emphasis on the main reason people come to Sayulita- the beach. He is heading a committee that will meet every Saturday afternoon. The goal is to get a class of students each week to help with cleaning the beach, plus it's a great way to educate them. Jose Luis is getting plastic bags and gloves for the effort. There was further discussion to put up signs that ask people to clean up after their pets, and dog waste plastic bag receptacles along the beach. Jose Luis and Punta Sayulita are asking Noe how the pueblo can help in the efforts. This is a BIG project and needs everyone's help both from the pueblo and GPS.
- It was reported that a youngster got a staff infection from playing on the beach where the creek meets the ocean (on south side of beach). The belief was that raw sewage was not entering that creek but that that water going into the ocean might not be as clean as it needs to be. There was discussion to use some of the funds from the GPS wastewater account to test and clean the water there and in the estuary.

There being no other business, the last scheduled meeting of the season came to a close. Everyone was thanked for their participation in this year's activities and meetings and that we had a very successful season!

Janet Anderson Secretary

