



Grupo Pro-Sayulita Meeting

January 14, 2010

Making Sayulita a better place for everyone to live and visit.

Welcome by Eric: Eric welcomed everyone to the first meeting with the new Executive Committee for 2010. This meeting will be mostly about the Fiesta but we do have some committee reports. Eric put out a call for someone to take on the responsibility for the posting (not the writing) of weekly articles written by committee heads, to El Sayulero. These articles can be easily run through Freetranslation.com to add to the newsletter in Spanish.

Committee Reports:

Traffic and Streets: Jeff Gersten reported that GIRRSA will be handing out literature to the community to show which areas will have their pickup on MWF and which will be TTHS. This will urge people to not put their garbage out in bags at night to avoid having the dogs spread it around. The small Sayulimpia/Recycle truck has been directed by Sr. Lazaro to pick up in some of the worst areas later in the day. Punta Sayulita has hired Sr. Miguel to do hand pickup on the streets. The pipa truck can now go around at nite from 11p.m. to 7a.m. to clean the streets. With the town clean and less dust in businesses, it may be possible to ask them to donate towards the continuation of the plan. Dr. Moises has offered to be the drop off point for these payments. A new pump will be needed later in the season.

Motion: That we support an effort to use the pipa truck to wash the streets for 2 months at a cost of \$10,000p. Seconded by Cap Sparling. Carried.

Parking: Sr. Marcos Scott reported that discussions have taken place that could see an area of parking created along the river on the N. side. There is a need for large rocks along the river which could be available right now as they are being excavated for another project in town. They arrive by flatbed (the writer has followed one of these trucks on Hwy.200 and it is impressive).

Safety and Medical Response: Mike Beck reported on a very successful meeting with locals and police. Their discussions centered on police coverage, a need for a tourist bureau, block watch captains, proper maps of the village, and upgraded street signage. The discussion investigated the use of the municipal building at the beach next to the public bathrooms. It is in need of electricity and furnishings but could be used as a center for a police presence and a tourist board office. The next meeting of this group will be on January 28th—see a note in the events column of El Sayulero.

Education: Cheryl Vaughn-

The after school classes are starting this Monday with 32 returning 5th and 6th grade students and the addition of 8 new students who

really, really wanted in the classes. Thanks to Eric Steinman for getting everything started and Professor Reyes who is always so helpful to us! Just as a point of interest - The director has retired and SEP is in the process of hiring a new person. According to Professor Reyes there are several applicants.

We have added another store to our sales tiendas! Haramara has a new store and they have generously asked to be able to carry our book! Thanks to Cyndy for getting this started for us.

Cap has found some storage lockers for us to use for our library and also for all the math/science equipemnt that was donated. The cost is about 10,000 pesos which will be repaid from gps funds. This is from last year's money to the education committee.

Finance: Unfortunately I am having difficulty accessing our accounts this week. I have not taken any money from the accounts and so the balances are very close to what they were when i last reported. I have paid the balance of last year's money to recycling and will pay the balance of last year's money to education out of cash-on-hand. There will be a full update at our next meeting which I will be able to attend.

La Fiesta: Janet Beck, Leslie Gersten- GPS Fiesta is on March 10th, 5:30 p.m. at Don Pedro's Palapa. The Fiesta is in full swing planning stage! There is always a great need for volunteers to run such a successful event. This event raises most of the money that then is allocated to our many local initiatives (see above!) If you would like to donate an item for the silent or live auctions or for the 5 Star table please contact janeta333@hotmail.com or lesliegersten@gmail.com or you have time to donate before or during the event, please contact guysuz@mercuryspeed.com

Next meeting is January 21, at noon at the rear of Blue Iguana Restaurant whom we thank always for the use of this idyllic spot.

The agenda will be committee reports, La Fiesta and presentations about the new GPS organizational and operational structure, new membership and donation proposal, update on web site and PayPal, and brief introduction to a proposal for a part-time director.