



Grupo Pro Sayulita Meeting

12-`1:30 Blue Iguana Restaurant

Secretary's Approval of Minutes: Moved by Cheryl, Seconded by Cap and carried. The meeting thanked Suzanne for taking the position of Secretary this season. Cap will fill in for the 2 remaining meetings in April and she hopes to see you all again in November.

Treasurer's Report (Cheryl) Cheryl is preparing the large report that will appear at the end of the season. For now, we are doing well and are putting funds together to start next season with a bang. Paypal has been working well to raise funds and holds about \$5000 US. The other accounts are as follows: \$140,000p in the Waste Water Account, Education Committee \$17,800p and \$17,000 in cash from book sales and donations, HSBC \$400,000p. There are still some outstanding bills and receipts from the Fiesta.

Committee Updates:

1. Fiesta Fundraiser (Leslie/Janet) We are looking for someone to take on the Silent Auction as a separate part of the main organizing for next year's Fiesta. If you are a skilled organizer and would like to start on this now, contact Eric for further information.
2. Urban Planning and Preservation (Eric) This is a new committee or area of interest for GPS. Several local people are working on the solution to this problem. If you have ideas or an interest in this program, get in touch with Eric. ericrudd@ericrudd.com
3. Recycling (Suzanne and David) There is a new surge in the amount of recycling being collected. We are not sure if the 3rd worker has been hired as yet. There may be a chance for Sayulita to benefit from a big sale of compost. More on this upcoming. Urge your rentals to separate their garbage. If you want to put donations specifically to go to the materials, rentals, or salaries of the program, please say so when donating to GPS. It would be much appreciated by the committee.
4. Traffic and Streets (Jeff) Some of this work is ongoing with the urban planning. Also the street cleaning out on Revolution by Sr. Rodolfo is looking great. Give him a thumbs up and an encouragement when you see him working out there.
5. Beach Preservation (Jose Luis) The Cleanup crew from the Municipio comes on Thursdays. We are hoping for good work from them during Semana Santa. If you would like to go down the beach with a garbage bag during the festivities, please feel free. We hope, with help from Dr. Moy speaking to Lazaro and the little truck, to have some more garbage cans put at the beach accesses to be there and emptied for the duration of the holiday.
6. Emergency Response and Beach Safety (Dr. Moy) Dr. Moy's committee, of nearly 30 people will be ready for the onslaught of Semana Santa. The office at the beach is ready for the lifesaving equipment. The lifesaving station in front of Terrazola will be manned

as of Monday, March 29th. The signs will go up today. The meeting okayed the spending of \$1200 p for pipes, and will allow a receipt for garbage bags. The signs cost \$3500 and this was approved. To volunteer, please feel free to offer food, water, or fruit to those who are working at the rescue station or the medical station which is in front of Punta Sayulita starting on Monday March 29th.

It is the AED purchase that Mike Beck started that is a perfect example of how someone's interest can be presented to GPS, grow into a committee and now someone's life might be saved because of this work. So, a thumbs up for Mike's efforts.

7. Education committee-(Cheryl) How to get involved? See Barbara and Egle in the plaza and sign up to sell books! Come out next week on Monday and Wednesday to the Primeria from 9-12 noon and work on the new Library as it is nearing opening. We have had so many volunteers lately with Pete Wilson setting locks, Peter and Steve putting up shelving and of course our 30+ teachers for 100 students. The classes have increased to include and 3-4th grade class and a grade 7 class. Discussions with the Kindergarten show that they need playground equipment and a covered palapa outdoor area. The Secundaria report that they have sold 737 calendars and raised \$70,000 of the approximately \$200,000 pesos needed to do the science lab. Work will commence soon on the reparation and supplying of that science lab for the Secundaria.

A recent email from a group called The Cardboard Circus would see them coming to Sayulita from San Pancho to put on a theatre presentation that teaches and promotes recycling. They need about \$5000p to transport and present this production and donations are already coming in – we are at \$2000p already and you can donate to the Education committee or the Recycle committee to help this happen. Leave donations with the table in the plaza or with Cheryl Vaughn.

8. Other Support (Animal Clinic,) Suzanne read an email from the vets that came to volunteer their time to the latest spay and neuter clinic. They were overwhelmed by the courtesy and support shown to them by Sayulitans. They did 43 spay and neuters and several cancer operations too.

New Business:

1. Plaza Information-Reception concept-Eric suggested and it was agreed by the meeting to have a showing of what has been accomplished this season here in Sayulita. We would like the community to see what goes on with GPS and get feedback for future projects. This will happen in the Plaza on April 16th starting at 6:00. We will have the signs from all the projects and from the Fiesta. We will have the pictures from the Fiesta. Dr. Moy will have the AED there. The Education committee will get the word out through the Primeria. The kids will show off their English in singing. The book table will be there. Sayulita Animals is invited to show their program. The signs from the Beach Lifesaving and the equipment can be there. There will be free Ice Creams hopefully from those around the plaza that sell ice cream (paid for by GPS). Generally just a show and tell and a chance to talk to the community and get their reactions. Please let Eric know if you can help out. We have some enthusiasts already and more are wanted.
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2. Welcome to 2 newcomers to GPS, Philippine and Antonio of Paragweiss Media Digital Productions Video.

3. Two meetings to tell you about- The Rotary Club of Rincon de Guayabitos has invited professionals and entrepreneurs, both Spanish and English speakers, from Sayulita to come to their meeting on Wed. March 31st. For a carpool you can meet at Garcia Realty at 6:30 a.m. Also, Johan from Los Amigos de La Penita invites you to their meetins on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Cuchi's Palapa. They are also have an open invitation to attend the opening of another Kindergarten in La Penita at 1:00 p.m.
johan.skana@gmail.com for more information.

Next GPS meeting, noon-1:30 PM, April 15, Note: No meetings April 1, April 8 for Semana Santa.