

## The 2012 Treasurer's Report for GPS

Cheryl Vaughan – GPS outgoing treasurer

Wednesday night Grupo Pro Sayulita held their annual all members meeting. The account balances and expenditures were presented, discussed, amended and approved. It is because of each person who attends our fiesta, buys a book or membership, or makes a donation, that we have been able to support the programs that benefit us all. And what a great year it was! Here is what was shared:

We still have a positive balance of \$32,042.73 USD.

Total expenditures were \$980,525.16 MXN.

Many programs were supported and there is not enough space to list them all. Here are some of the larger expenses made:

**Education** (\$46,078.45 MXN) All elementary students in grades 3-6 in both public school and Costa Verde participated in a 3 week daily dance program brought to us by Celebrate the Beat. There is a new kitchen at the primary school which was organized by the parents after GPS bought the supplies. Work is continuing on their new computer lab as well.

**Fundraiser** (\$33,522.32 MXN) With the generosity of board member Damien Porter, GPS is able to hold the annual fundraiser at Palapa Brisa Mar. The only event costs are posters, brochures, tickets, lighting, table/chair rental and the entertainment.

**Sayulimpia/Sayulita Recicla** (\$292,889.39 MXN) This group is responsible for our clean beaches, the truck that picks up where GIRRSA can't, taking care of our recycled items, and maintaining a depot and area to drop off trash. There are only three full time employees. If it is about a clean Sayulita, this group is involved.

**Sayulita Verde** (\$19,994.00 MXN) Growing and distributing indigenous plants and trees is the main thrust of this group. They now have over 50 large trees that are ready for a home if you have the area to plant one!

**SayulitAnimals** (\$22,600.00 MXN) GPS is happy to pay the rent for SayulitAnimals who run free spay and neuter clinics, help find permanent/foster homes, and rescue animals in need.

**Town support** (\$278,103.93 MXN) In this category are things such as start-up support for the new delegation, changing light bulbs and ballasts on public streets, purchasing trees for the new walkways in town, helping to fund the Enlace Program, activities at the cultural center (Jan-July) and other town related activities.

**Police** (\$255,337.40 MXN) While GPS does not oversee the police in any way; we did volunteer to oversee the spending of donations that were received to support the police. These funds go for rent, electricity, meals, ATVs and their repair, and phone service. Villa Amor pays half of the meal cost and Punta Sayulita pays the gas for the ATVs. This is truly a community effort.

**Accountant/Administrative** (\$31,999.67 MXN) GPS accountant, Mauricio Calderon, maintains the records, prepares the tax filings for GPS as well as for 3 employees, and pays the employees and other expenses of Sayulimpia. Other items in this category are printing of GPS brochures and things necessary to run the organization.

**Fire engine and ambulance** (\$21,000 USD) This was truly one of the great accomplishments this year. This money purchased used equipment and funded transport to Mexico. Watch for the announcement of a parade this spring show-casing the new emergency vehicles.