

MYRTLE TRACE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting
Horry-Georgetown Technical College
February 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Gray at 2:00 p.m.

Tom Gray: "Good afternoon and welcome to the Annual Meeting of the Myrtle Trace Homeowners Association. At this time I would like to call this meeting to order and ask that everyone rise and join in the Pledge of Allegiance." (Tom led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance at this time).

"Thank you. Please give your attention to Sally Krause for our invocation." (At this time Sally Krause offered the invocation, remembering residents who had passed away during the year).

"Thank you, Sally. On behalf of the Myrtle Trace Homeowners' Association Board of Directors, I would like to thank everyone for their attendance today. As you can see, we have reserved the same building as we had last year and probably will again next year.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Myrtle Trace is a community of dedicated volunteers and at this time I would like to introduce some of the people who make our Association work. As we did last year, as you are introduced would you please stand so everyone can recognize who you are. Thank you all.

Sheilah Reynolds – Sheilah has been our Vice President for the 2 past years and has worked very hard to make the Annual Meeting a great success. She finalized the entry of our newest committee, the Communications Committee. She keeps on top of all the events and important items which could affect our community. She is the Board's right arm and mine for the last 2 years. Sheilah will be entering her last year on the Board. Good luck, Sheilah!

Tom Dovey – Tom has been on the Board for the last 3 years. This year he served as the Association's Secretary/Treasurer. The previous 2 years he served as a Director At Large. Tom also served as our liaison with the Architectural Review Committee. Tom will be leaving the Board this year and we all wish him good luck in the future. Thank you, Tom!

Jack Von Deck – Jack is now in his second year on the Board and is serving as a Director at Large. He is our liaison with the Activities Committee. He organized the Neighborhood Watch Committee and has made us feel a little safer. Jack seems to enjoy being involved in our activities. Thank you, Jack!

Cathy McElroy – Cathy is just finishing her first year on the Board and is a Director At Large. She is our liaison with the Property Committee. Cathy has learned a lot over the last year and will be a great asset to the Board in the future. By the way, the Myrtle Trace Players did a great job on the play. Cathy wrote and also was a part of the play. Good luck, Cathy!

We have five contracted individuals who are in part responsible for keeping Myrtle Trace running smoothly. They are volunteers, they are remunerated and they are dedicated. They are there when we call and ask questions.

Terry Eisenhardt – Our Corresponding Secretary, she attends to a heavy work load with the Architectural Review Committee and fills in when needed.

Lee Besemer – Recording Secretary for the Board, she attends each Board meeting, takes the minutes, reminds us if there is a motion on the table that we may have overlooked or what may have been said, even when the tape burps. Then she goes home, listens again, and then types the minutes for publication.

Ted Ackley – Ted is our Accounts Payable Department and sees that all the bills get paid. Ted also is dedicated to the News and Views. Along with Ted are the unsung heroes who deliver the News and Views every month. Without their dedication, our important fliers and the News and Views would not show up in our paper tubes. Thank you, all!

Karen Bevan – Karen handles our Accounts Receivable and makes sure all of our dues are paid and this keeps her very busy.

Dan Seeds – Dan is our Administrative Consultant. What does that mean? It means that he helps the Board to interface with our attorney, guides us on Myrtle Trace history and is very knowledgeable on the jurisprudence of our Covenants and By-Laws.

Committee Chairpersons:

Dick Sievers: The Activities Committee Chairperson. This is a very active committee with a very active chairperson. If you would like to get involved in the community, this is the place to start! Thank you and your committee, Dick.

Pat Hosford: The Architectural Review Committee Chairperson. Pat is also a past Board President. She and her committee have been our first line of defense in the administration of the “Homeowners Guidelines and Restrictions” and the dedication shows in our community. Myrtle Trace is still the best. Thank you and your committee, Pat.

Lyle Kershner: The Property Committee Chairperson. This committee works hard to maintain our neighborhood’s neat, well manicured and inviting look. Lyle is a past President and loves to do handyman jobs. Thank you and your committee, Lyle

Ted Ackley: The Communications Committee Chairperson. This Committee was just recently formed by Sheilah and combines four different communication methods. The first is the News & Views, Ted Ackley Editor. The second is our computer website, Jim Wilkison Webmaster. The third is our calendar of events done by Pat Paxson. The fourth is our telephone directory, done by Nona Mattson. Thank you and your committee, Ted.

As we go through the next few business items, please identify yourself when you make a motion or second a motion. Please let the recording secretary know your name and address. This will make the job of recording it in the minutes much simpler.

The first thing we want to do today is that I want to say one thing. That is, we have a quorum today.

We will now have the Treasurer's Report given by Tom Dovey."

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tom Dovey: "Good afternoon. The financial data for the Association is audited every year by a professional accounting firm. This year's audit is complete and confirms that our records are in order and your Association is in good financial health. The data that was included with your annual meeting packet was preliminary, and dated January 6, 2010, and does not include transactions in the mail at that time. The year end adjustments for this year total \$207.11 and have reduced the 2009 Net Income to \$-23,988.01.

To keep your Association in good financial health the Board of Directors of Myrtle Trace found it necessary to increase the monthly dues by \$5.00 this year. This was needed to replenish the reserve fund that we have been using to offset the deficit spending that has occurred for the past several years and the unbudgeted monies needed for the new gate on Myrtle Trace Drive.

The Myrtle Trace Budget has been set up to insure that we have the funds needed to cover major repairs to our facilities and roads. The line item called 'CDs Operating Funds', \$31,676.41, reflects the accumulation of dues monies and the interest earned for the year for our future road resurfacing needs. These funds are separated from the 'Designated Fund', \$91,550.00, which covers the major repairs and replacements identified on the reverse side of the 'Preliminary Balance Sheet' in your annual meeting packet. All other expenses are budgeted on an annual basis; these are all noted on the Preliminary Budget Comparison, included in your packet. We intend to pay for patching and repair of our roads, as those needs arise, as part of our regular operating budget.

Funding of future needs has been a factor in our financial health for more than fifteen years. We have also enjoyed low operating costs resulting from the generosity of the volunteers working in the Association's committees.

The Association has no employees. Our day-to-day operation is conducted by volunteers and independent contractors. Three contractors are engaged in the financial activities; all are also residents of Myrtle Trace. Karen Bevan handles Accounts Receivable, Ted Ackley handles Accounts Payable, and Dan Seeds is the Accountant who prepares the financial records of the Association and arranges transfers from the money market account to the checking account in amounts sufficient to cover disbursements. Dan is also our Administrative Consultant handling contract administration and other matters at the request of the Board. This structure has existed since 1995.

You as home owners also own the real property and common areas deeded to the Association. These common properties may not be sold separately and so have no fair market value other than that related to their intended use; that is, the enjoyment of all 518 property owners. Consequently, our financial statements do not reflect the real property and common areas. Likewise, furniture and equipment acquired by the Association for the benefit of its members are also owned by the 518 individual property owners in common, thus are not considered assets of the Association and are expensed as purchased by the Association.

Thank you. It has been a pleasure working with and for you."

Tom Gray: "Thank you, Tom. I would like to have a motion to accept the report."

(At this time a motion was made by Pat Searles of Glenwood Drive and seconded by Frank McElroy of Ashwood Circle that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.)

Tom Gray: "Thank you. The report is hereby approved.

At this time I would like to introduce Sheilah Reynolds, our Vice President, to give the Nominating Committee report"

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Sheilah Reynolds: "Thank you, Tom. As I told many of you as you came in, I am so happy to see you today. As Tom announced, we do have a quorum so we can go on with the election.

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, I can't use my speech from last year as we've changed the procedure. Our Nominating Committee, this year's and in the future, is responsible ONLY for recruiting the best possible candidates. The other functions the Nominating Committee had performed in the past will be handled by a special Annual Meeting Committee. Most of the committee members for this year are standing in the back right now. Next year I promise to reserve the last row for you.

In attempting to meet the requirements of the Association's Bylaws 'the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the Members, to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting'. Later in this meeting, we will announce the Nominating Committee for the election of 2011.

This year's 2010 Nominating Committee consisted of Ted Ackley, Renzo Falcinelli, Alice Landry, Ron Longnecker, Joe Martin, and me. We are fortunate in presenting to you 3 highly qualified candidates for your consideration. Are there any additional nominations from the floor? Hearing none, I ask for a motion to close the nominations. **Lyle Kershner moved and Ted Ackley seconded that the nominations be closed. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

When you registered this afternoon, you were given 2 ballots, a yellow ballot for the election and a blue ballot to be used ONLY in case of a tie. At this time please vote for the 2 candidates of your choice, fold the ballot and pass them to the nearest aisle.

Tom Gray: "Thank you, Sheilah. At this time we will continue with the meeting by presenting the Committee Reports, beginning with Dick Sievers and the Activities Committee Report."

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dick Sievers: "The Activities Committee has a number of ongoing monthly events for your enjoyment: Pot luck Dinners, Crafters, Bingo, Myrtle Trace Dine Out, Myrtle Trace Ladies Coffee, Computer Class, Game Night, Caregivers group, Club House movies, and our two newest monthly events: Old TV Shows on the third Saturday night of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and the Myrtle Trace Chorus on the second and fourth Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Our Artist Chairman Bonnie Longnecker displayed the talents of over forty residents on the club house walls.

The events which have taken place in the past year have been: Lunches in February at Horry Georgetown Tech, Breakfast at Pear Tree Circle in March of '09 and January of '10, Luau Party over Memorial Day Weekend, Pelicans Game last June, Fall Get Acquainted Social, Murder Mystery, Halloween Party, Veterans' Day Tribute, Luminaries, Decorating the Club House for Christmas and taking down the decorations, and New Year's Eve Party. Future events we look forward to are Valentine's Day Party tomorrow night, St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17, Charity Garage Sale on March 20 and Luncheon/Fashion Show in April.

Our activities the past year have been successful and well attended. We appreciate the wonderful Myrtle Tracers – the organizers, the participants and the many helpers. Please stand and remain standing until all the names are read:

Betty Alexakos	Maureen and Ed Lowndes	John Potter
Dan and Marie Briggs	Rob and Terri Macker	Rich and Pat Rau
Dale Carroll	Sara Manship	Joyce Remaly
Myron and Fran Chomko	Cathy McElroy	Jeanie Rhodes
Ronald and Beth Crow	Janet McGrady	Bill & Betty Roessler
Judy Feldt	Jack and Mary Ann Mehl	Charlene Rose
Jim and Sue Gillian	Robert and Suzanne Owens	Steve & Bobbie Sands
Ron and Joann Grove	Pat and Dave Paxson	Tom Schwindinger
Alice Landry	Lynn Peachey	Jodie Sievers
Kathy Lindh	Polly Perry	Tom and Bonnie Silk
David & Rosemarie Smyth	Jim Wilkison	Fay and Alan Wittes
Ron & Bonnie Longnecker		

Many of these terrific people served two or more years and for this we are truly indebted to them. We appreciate that they have given so much of their valuable time. We are always looking for new faces on our committee so please consider joining us. Our meetings are listed in the News & Views Calendar.

Tom Gray: "Thank you, Dick. Pat Hosford, Chairperson of the Architectural Review Committee, will give the ARC report."

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT:

Pat Hosford: "Good Afternoon. I would like to take a few minutes today to talk about tree removal and to thank the members of the Architectural Review Committee for their continuing service in 2009.

We have had many requests this year for tree removal. I believe as the community ages and the trees age with it, this will probably continue to be the case. Our Committee has set specific criteria for granting tree removal and they are:

1. Diseased, leaning or wind damaged trees.
2. Tree thinning where clustered trees have grown too close.
3. Tree roots that are damaging sidewalks, foundations, driveways, etc.
4. Trees that have become overgrown with branches lying on roofs or gutters.

Because we want to maintain the forested look of our community, ARC requires replacement of removed trees when appropriate. In some cases, replacement is not necessary or even desired if the trees are too clustered or in an area that will create damage to the home, sidewalks or driveways. In all cases, approval for tree removal must be requested from the Architectural Review Committee. After this request is received, members of the Committee will meet with the homeowner and review the status and number of trees to be removed. This year a total of 124 trees were removed from homeowner property, which may seem like quite a few, but in reality is not a great number.

You may not be aware of this, but the penalty for non-approved tree removal is \$50 for not filing the Request Form, \$45 for violation of the guidelines, plus the cost of an ARC approved replacement tree.

Now, I would like to recognize and thank the community members who serve on the Architectural Review Committee. Please stand and remain standing until all are announced:

Preston Barshinger	Elaine Lucatuorto
Jim Carroll	Mike Lucatuorto
David Day	Nancy Murphy
Sally Herstine	Fred Silvernail
Jenny Jenemann	Dorothy Stanton

I would also like to recognize Terry Eisenhardt our secretary and Tom Dovey liaison from the Board of Directors. Again, thank you for all you do and the time you spend for the benefit of the community.

Don't forget to submit your Project Request Forms if you are planning any changes to the exterior of your home or property."

Tom Gray: "Thank you, Pat. Now we will hear from Lyle Kershner with the Property Committee Report."

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Lyle Kershner: "Good afternoon. The Property Committee takes care of the community property of the Association. This includes all common land and structures such as lakes, clubhouse, pool, maintenance facility and open spaces. We operate in accordance with the mission statement adopted by the Board of Directors.

Some of the projects that were completed in 2009 are:

- Resealed and stained pool deck and fence
- Installed federally mandated pool drain grates in the pool
- Located and repaired a leak in the pool piping system
- Replaced rusted pool equipment room doors with louvered fiberglass doors
- Installed exhaust fan in pool equipment room
- Installed timer for underwater pool lights
- Repaired pool cabana sun screen lattice
- Repaired leak in clubhouse roof

- Repaired air diffuser in Lake Sparrow
- Installed new reflectors on roadway marker posts in accordance with highway standards
- Last, but not least, installed automated roadway gates at Myrtle Trace Drive's intersection with Myrtle Ridge Drive

The gates were a requirement of Horry County Council in relinquishing their right-of-way easement to our road system. The Property Committee is now responsible for maintaining all roads in the development. In order to fulfill this responsibility, the Committee, with the Board's approval, established a road sub-committee. Its members are Jim Wilkison, Dave Smyth, Joe Johns and Al Robertson. This group did a remarkably outstanding job in overseeing and working on the gate installation and all its necessary appurtenances. In my estimation, we now have the best automated gate system in the entire county and I have been blessed to have such a remarkable group willing to undertake this project.

Some of the projects planned for 2010 are:

- Replacement of some existing shrubbery that is no longer healthy
- Add shrubbery at fences located at automated gates
- Root trimming along paved roadways
- Replace timbers at entrance islands
- Replace depth markers at pool
- Repair Lake Hummingbird air diffuser
- Replace clubhouse door at entrance to pool
- Install automatic sprinkler system in garden area
- Patch minor roadway defects
- Improve roadway drainage

After the annual budget for 2010 was prepared and approved by the Board, we incurred a major problem with the drainage system for Lake Grebe. The existing underground drain pipe developed a serious leak and caused a sink hole to develop near the outfall into the county drainage ditch between Wal-Mart and Myrtle Trace. The cost of this 150 feet of drain line replacement will probably necessitate deferring many or most of these proposed projects until a later date.

Now let me introduce to you the members of the Property Committee. As I call your name, please stand and remain standing until all members have been recognized. Please hold your applause until all names have been called:

Paul Alexander
Don Boutcher
Ron Grove
Joe Johns
Earl Lee
Mike Reynolds

Al Robertson
Charlene Rose
Dick Sievers
Dave Smyth
Jim Wilkison

Thank you very much. Any one of you who may be interested in helping serve on this Committee, please let me know. Our goal is to keep this community a beautiful place to reside.”

Tom Gray: “Thank you, Lyle. Now we will hear from Ted Ackley, Chairperson of the Communications Committee.”

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ted Ackley: “Good afternoon. The year 2009 was a very busy one for the Communications Committee. Our biggest challenge was keeping the community informed regarding our new gates. Tracking the rulings of the various county agencies up to the time of approval, followed by reporting the progress of our gate installation sub-committee, was exciting to say the least. I think we succeeded in keeping the degree of interest in the gates at a high level right up until they officially opened. Personally, I think the addition of the gates has been the most well-received improvement in Myrtle Trace since Myrtle Trace Drive was extended from Burning Ridge Road to Singleton Ridge Road.

At this point I would like to mention several members of the Communications Committee. Pat Paxson handles the scheduling of the clubhouse and provides us with the monthly activities calendar which appears in the News & Views.

Nona Mattson mails the News & Views each month to the homeowners who do not live in Myrtle Trace. This number is usually around 40. Nona also maintains the data base for our community directory which is updated and reprinted annually in March.

Betty Ackley delivers the News & Views to our ten ‘carriers’ who put the News & Views in our newspaper tubes. They are Ralph Billeter, Jeanne Bredbeck, Charlie Conklin, Roger and Shirley Erickson, Martha Gorman, Norm Paulson, Chuck Petry, Bob Ried and Dan Seeds. Jeanne Bredbeck is our champion as she delivers 114 copies to all of Phase VIII.

Our Myrtle Trace website is managed by Jim Wilkison and he is assisted by Bruce Williams who also serves as our Myrtle Trace photographer. He provides most of the photos for both the News & Views and the website.

Finally, I’m the editor of the News & Views which is still the primary news source for the association because it reaches all of the residents and all of the homeowners, not just the people who have computers!

When the Communications Committee was established in the fall of 2008, it consisted of the News & Views, the website, clubhouse scheduling and the community directory. During 2009, four more functions were added to the Committee. They include the official greeters, Bonnie and Ron Longnecker, who visit new residents, both owners and renters, and provide them with useful information about Myrtle Trace and the surrounding areas. They have made 24 visits during the past year, spending an average of 2 hours on each visit. Jeanie Rhodes creates most of the flyers which are printed in the News & Views or distributed with it. Charlene Rose maintains the large bulletin board at the entrance to the clubhouse. Ethyl and Val Gursky are in charge of lowering and raising the 3 flags located at our entrance. Fran and Norm Paulson serve as their back-ups.

During the past year, we initiated a program whereby residents may receive the News & Views via email. Initially, we had planned to discontinue delivery of their paper copies if they chose the email version. Since fewer than 50 residents signed up for email, we will continue to deliver paper copies to them as well, avoiding an administrative nightmare.

Several times during the year, I receive a phone call asking me for the News & Views deadline. The deadline for the coming month is always listed in the box on the upper left corner of Page 2. Starting in March, I will also indicate the expected delivery date of the next issue. That date will be the date which we will deliver the newsletter to the carriers.

We have continued the beginners' computer classes during the year with 20 to 25 people attending each monthly session.

The website has been expanded to include a memorial page on which the names of recently deceased residents are listed. A brand new addition to the website is a complete copy of the Myrtle Trace Covenants, Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, including a detailed cross-referenced index. Those of you with internet access who have not visited our website really should take a look. It has a wealth of useful information. It also often features photos taken at social events. The address is listed in the News & Views every month.

The Communications Committee consists of several dedicated people who are happy to be of service and who will continue to do their best to keep you all well informed.

At this point I would like to ask the members of the Committee who are here to stand and be recognized. Let's give them a round of applause.

Thank you and thank you for your attention."

Tom Gray: "Thank you, Ted. Next on our agenda is a report from the Past Presidents' Council Chairman, Jay Sharp."

PAST PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT:

Jay Sharp: "Thank you, Mr. President. May I add the congratulations of the Past Presidents' Council to you for a very productive two years.

I had the pleasure once again in 2009 to Chair the Past Presidents' Council, thanks, in part, to Tom Gray for undertaking a second term as President of the MTHOA. With the steady support of all of our past Presidents, we have had very interesting and diverse forums. The Past Presidents' involvement in our community is very evident and a testimony of their dedication to Myrtle Trace. We meet quarterly and are kept abreast of the current events and situations occurring in the neighborhoods by the President or any one of the elected Board members who may be asked to attend our meetings.

We have on many occasions interfaced with the Board at their meetings on subjects that have a historical interest or on past deliberations which may be germane to the subject at hand. The many past Presidents take pride in their inclusion of current situations and stand ready to supplement these processes when called upon to do so.

Our meetings again this year have had a near one hundred percent attendance and our attendance at the Board meetings have been well received. We are a ready and willing reference. Our support of the MTHOA Board of Directors is unflinching and our small contributions to the 'very special way of life' in the Myrtle Trace community have kept us active.

At this time I would like to introduce the past Presidents in attendance today. I would ask that if there is any applause, please hold it until all members have been recognized.

Lyle Kershner: 1988-89 (Presently Chair of the Property Committee)
 Dick Driessnack: 1993
 Dave Cannon: 1995
 Ted Ackley: 1996-97 (Presently Editor of News and Views, Head of the Accounts Payable Department and Chairperson of the Communications Committee)
 Ted Paffenback: 1998
 Nancy Murphy: 1999 (Nancy also recently filled an unexpired term on the Board)
 Clayton Williams: 2000
 Sally Krause: 2001
 Renzo Falcinelli: 2002
 Pat Hosford: 2003 (Presently Chair of the Architectural Review Committee)
 Ron Longnecker: 2004 (Presently Secretary of the Presidents' Council)
 Norm Paulson: 2005
 Bill Fox: 2006 (Bill is also the Director of the newly formed Myrtle Trace Chorus)
 Jay Sharp: 2007 (Presently Chair of the Presidents' Council)
 Tom Gray: 2008-09 (Who I hope will soon assume the Chair of the Past Presidents' Council)

These neighbors are still involved in the community and are a large part of the spirit of volunteering in Myrtle Trace. To the new Board – congratulations and best wishes. If we can be of service, just ask.

Thank you.”

Tom Gray: “Thank you, Jay. Before we moved along to my short message, we’re going to have the election results from Sheilah Reynolds.”

Sheilah Reynolds: “I am happy to announce that we have two new Board members: Peter Bevan and Sally Herstine. There will be a very short reorganization meeting on the stage immediately following this meeting. Thank you again, Dave Paxson, for your willingness and please continue with all you do for us.

Before the special recognitions, I would like to thank my committee who put this meeting together. As a team, they collated the meeting packets, delivered them, took your registration today, and tallied the votes.

First and foremost, our thanks go to Joe Martin. Joe was on the nominating committee last year. I think Joe saw I was not the most organized person in the world, and he is. So he took the responsibility, largely, of last year’s meeting. He did such a good job and made me look so good I asked him to head up the group this year.

Our team from last year volunteered again this year. Our thanks go to John Brunk, Don Boutcher, June Darville, Tom and Kay Dubauskis, Joe and JoAnn Martin, Frank McElroy, Leo and Marie Reger, Dan Schaefer, Dot and Fred Silvernail, and Helene Wilkison. They all said they had so much fun they would do it again next year.

Each year at this meeting, I've heard the Vice President thank Nona Mattson. I now understand. Nona not only puts our directory together each year, she makes the labels for the packets and provides us with an up-to-date list of residents and owners. Thank you, Nona.

Now I will turn the microphone back over to Tom Gray.”

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Tom Gray: “Good afternoon. My name is Tom Gray and I have been your Association's President for the past 2 years. As everyone knows, my time as President is coming to an end, but before it does I would like to talk to you about some of our accomplishments over the past 3 years.

The first, and the best, was the finalizing of the gate issue. On February 17, 2009, the gates and road issue came to a third vote and we were given the responsibility by Horry County Council. There were 2 basic things that had to be done or the gates and roads would be given over to Horry County. The first was to construct a mechanical gate. The second was to have it finished in 1 year. We did both of these by June, 2009.

The next problem we are going to have is the maintenance of the roads. A committee is being formed to come up with the requirements and a budget for the job. They are looking at complaints and future requirements and trying to come up with a schedule for the future. This is being handled by the Property Committee. The monies for this are in a special account to be used for road surfacing.

Now let's talk about the newest Association Committee, the Communications Committee. This committee was started about 3 years ago with the goal of getting better communications between the Board and our residents. The Board was looking for a way of consolidating all communication methods under one director who would be answerable to the Board. The Board has now assigned this to its first Director. This Committee and all other committees will be given the opportunity to pick their own directors for the new Association year.

During the past 3 years, a few things have taken place. One was the Wal-Mart Super Store was finished in 2009. The second was a forest fire that threatened to burn homes in Myrtle Trace. Thanks to the fine service given to us by the Horry County Fire & Rescue, none of our homes were destroyed. The last but not the least was the volunteers of Myrtle Trace. It has been my honor to have had a special gathering to show how much our residents do for Myrtle Trace and Horry County. We totaled about 23,000 hours. I am sure this is not all the hours spent, but we are honored to have given our time to MTHOA, Conway Medical Center, our churches and many others too numerous to mention. Should you get to the clubhouse, please look at the listing on the door to the storage room.

I am sure we could come up with a lot more items your Board has done over the past 3 years, but I won't go into them right here. I would like to say I have had a very rewarding experience as your President for the past 2 years and as Vice President for the first year. Thank you to all my Myrtle Trace friends and neighbors for voting for me. I will now give the microphone to Cathy McElroy for the Nominating Committee Report for next year's election.”

Cathy McElroy: “Good afternoon and thank you so much for coming out, especially considering the weather last night. How many of you came from the North originally? How many of you left your snow shovels behind?”

The Nominating Committee for the 2010 has been formed and there will be two vacancies to fill next year. Right now there are so many good people who we would love to have serve on the Board. I’m going to read the names of the people who are going to serve on the Nominating Committee and ask them to stand. If you know them and have someone in mind who would be good on the Board, call a member of the committee or tell them you would like to be on the Board. It’s OK to say you would like to do this. Here are the names of the members:

Ted Paffenback	John Beam
Bonnie Longnecker	Ted Ackley
Pat Hosford	Ron Grove
Lyle Kershner	Sara Manship

I want to thank these people ahead of time because they will be doing a lot of work and will be getting some really good people for us. Thank you.”

Sheilah Reynolds: “It is my privilege as Vice President to recognize the service of the retiring Board members.

One of the perks of service on the Board is getting to know outstanding individuals who give much time and effort to Myrtle Trace. It has been my pleasure to work with Tom Dovey and Tom Gray.

First, Tom Dovey. Tom has served for 2 years as Director At Large. He has served as liaison to Activities and ARC, and this past year Tom Dovey has done an outstanding job as our Treasurer/Secretary.

Tom, as a token of our appreciation for a job well done.”

Tom Dovey: “Thank you.”

Tom Gray--Tom served his initial year on the Board as Vice President. Jay Sharp said Tom was busy, tried, and tested. He obviously passed the test because he has served the last 2 years as our president--reluctantly, I might add, this last year. It has not been easy for him with two women who question just about everything. We all appreciate the work and service Tom has done. Thank you Tom”

Tom Gray: “Again I thank you all. It has been a rewarding experience. I will look back on this experience and say, ‘I didn’t like it then but, boy, it’s great now.’ Thank you very much.

OK, we’re getting down to some of the final things and one of those is the comments from the attendees. I just want to make one thing clear. Two years ago we established a rule that questions must be received in advance so the Board could take a look at it. Apparently we have ignored that rule in the past and we operated with the idea that we’re going to have the questions whether they’ve been submitted in advance or not. I’m going to open the floor up to questions

but I'm going to limit it to just a few questions so the Board can answer them. So now I'm asking you, 'do you have any questions for us?'

Al Robertson: "This is not a question but a request for the Activities Committee. Based on the comments I've received from a number of neighbors, would you think about passing up the Luminaries this year?"

Tom Gray: "The question was, 'Would the Board consider giving up the Luminaries.'"

Audience: A resounding "No, no way, boo."

Tom Gray: "Al, I think you have your answer. Do you have anything else, Al? Does anyone else have a question?"

George Ruff: "I am George Ruff of Candlewood Drive. In the two recent issues of News & Views, traffic control and contractors parking on the roadway have been concerns. How is the Board planning to address both issues and what jurisdiction do the local police have within Myrtle Trace now that we have private roads? Thank you."

Tom Gray: "Dan Seeds, do you want to answer that?"

Dan Seeds: "The issue of requesting contractors and other service people to park in the driveways is a matter of a heartfelt request. There is no way we can enforce this. It's a request to you folks to use good common sense and consideration. Since the gate was installed, we've had higher traffic on Myrtle Trace Drive and we want to keep it as safe as we can. On the subject of police coverage, the police will cover all calls now as they have in the past except for traffic issues. If we hire them on a contract basis of some sort, they will come in and deal with stop sign violations, speed limit violations, etc. That's the only way they are going to be addressing our traffic issues."

Tom Gray: "Thank you, Dan. Other questions? Yes, sir."

Fred Searles: "Will the Association be responsible for the roots which are presently growing under the road at the main entrance to Myrtle Trace or is that the State's responsibility? I'm referring to the main entrance off of Rt. 501 on Burning Ridge Road."

Tom Gray: "Yes, that is getting bad there but I don't know what the legal ramifications are and I don't know if the County will handle it or if the State will handle it."

Lyle Kershner: "That's a State road. The state has resurfaced it in the past and cut out some roots. Since it is bad, they probably will again but I wouldn't hold my breath."

Tom Gray: "Your Board will stay in contact with the State about this. Are there any other questions? If not I'll take a motion for adjournment."**(At 3:05 p.m. a motion was made by Joe Martin and seconded by Marie Reger that the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Myrtle Trace Homeowners Association be adjourned. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.)** Tom Gray: "This meeting is adjourned. Thank you for coming."

