

MYRTLE TRACE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
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Nancy Southard, President of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Nancy Southard: Welcome to the Annual MTHOA meeting. At this time I call this meeting to order and ask everyone to please rise as Ted Ackley leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you.

Please give your attention to Cathy McElroy as she gives our invocation. (Cathy also read the names of our Myrtle Trace friends and neighbors who passed away during the past year).

A quorum was confirmed by Santo Perry.

INTRODUCTIONS:

It is nice to be here today and welcome all of you to this annual meeting. We thank you for taking time from your busy Saturday afternoon to be part of this important meeting. Today, we will be electing two new Board members who will serve for the next three years.

Let me introduce my fellow Board members:

Santo Perry – Is completing his second year on the Board and has served as the Vice-President, Chair for the Nominating Committee and was the liaison to the Property Committee and the Lake Action Committee this past year. He was a Director-At-Large and liaison to the Architectural Review Committee his first year.

Renzo Falcinelli – This is Renzo's final year term on the Board, he as many of you may remember he came on the Board in 2017 to complete an unexpired term. Renzo is a past Board member and a past President. He served these last two years as Vice-President, Director-At-Large, liaison to the Architectural Review Committee as well as the Property Committee and Lakes Maintenance and Preservation Committee. We thank Renzo for his willingness, with some influence by his wife Nancy, for agreeing to serve again. His past experience, knowledge and history of Myrtle Trace that he brings to the Board is greatly appreciated.

Les Gerhart – Our newest Board member who is completing an unexpired term. Les is a former member of the Board and a former President so when we were looking for a person to complete an unexpired term we were thrilled he agreed to be that person. He has served as our Secretary/Treasurer and liaison to the Activity Committee. Les, like Renzo, brings prior knowledge and experience to the Board and we thank him for agreeing to be a part of the Board.

Donna Ebling – She is the rookie on the Board and serves as a Director-At-Large. This past year Donna has been liaison to the Architectural Review Committee. She has been eager to learn. Donna participated in Activity events in Myrtle Trace and got to know people in Myrtle Trace before she became a full time resident.

We have five Myrtle Trace residents who help keep Myrtle Trace running and with whom we have contracts:

Terry Eisenhardt is the corresponding Secretary for ARC. I believe when you hear the ARC chairperson give the committee report you will get an idea of how busy this position keeps her.

Diane Gascoigne is the association Recording Secretary. She takes and records minutes of monthly Board meetings. Types up the minutes and sends them out to be reviewed and if necessary listens to them again if there is a question.

Ted Ackley - Ted is a past president of the association and serves as our Accounts Payable contractor. He is responsible for making sure all of our bills are paid on time.

Jean Hohenberger - Jean serves as our Accounts Receivable contractor. She is the one who collects our money, notifies the Board of house closings, and writes up the work orders for replacement of mailbox posts, mailboxes and/or nameplates. She also is the person who receives and maintains the Owner/Tenant Agreements.

Jim Luneke - Jim serves as the association Administrative Advisor. Jim provides the Board with monthly print outs showing expenses by category in relation to yearly budgeted amount. He also works with the CPSA and auditors and plays an instrumental role when the Board is developing the budget.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: At this time I would like to call on Santo Perry, our Vice President, to give the Nominating Committee report.

Members of the Nominating Committee serve a two year term. We have three members from 2018 who have completed their two-year term. They are: Marjorie Anctil, Barbara Artz and Annie Kongvold. Thank you for your service. The new members of this committee are: Marjorie Anctil, Diane Connelly, Diane Gascoigne, Anne Kongvold, Deborah Perry, Jeannie Rhodes, Deborah Snitzer and Kathie Yeagley.

Thank you, Santo. At this time we will continue our meeting while the Nominating Committee counts the ballots.

TREASURERS REPORT: Les Gerhart will now give the treasurer's report.

A budget is an estimate, arrived at prior to the beginning of an accounting period, of the income anticipated to be earned and the expenses expected to be charged a person or corporate entity during that forthcoming period. The income will be deposited into a general fund and the expenses will be paid from the proceeds of that fund. In Myrtle Trace the Board prepares a budget prior to the outset of each calendar year. In estimating the expenses anticipated the Board looks to the amount of those expenses paid in the prior year and to upward or downward trends in the amount thereof incurred in a series of preceding years. Unanticipated expenses, worn equipment to be replaced, infrastructure in need of repair, weather damage to be cleared are ever possible. In preparation for such needs the Board maintains a number of escrow accounts. The monthly fees charged each Myrtle Trace property owner are set by the Board not only to pay regular and recurring expenses during the year but also to insure a surplus of income over expenses in an amount sufficient to increase or replenish these escrows. In 2018,

as had been anticipated by that year's budget, an income surplus existed on December 31st. The budget estimate was that \$120,899.00 would be available for distribution from the general fund to our various escrows. In fact only \$90,794.00, \$30,105.00 less than anticipated, was the amount of income surplus available for distribution to escrow at year's end. That actual surplus appeared to be so far below the amount estimated by the budget was due to neither an underestimate of income or of expense. That actual surplus was less than the budgetary estimate is itself an incorrect reading of the circumstances.

The 2018 budget had earmarked \$31,080.00 in excess revenues to our road resurfacing escrow fund. Late in 2018 the Board committed to a major road project in 2019. To secure the services of the contractor who would perform this work the Board entered a contract putting \$25,344.00 from our general fund down on account of the anticipated 2019 work. The amount of excess revenue set aside for road resurfacing (\$31,080.00), reduced by the amount already paid on account of the contract (\$25,344.00) from the general fund left only \$5736.00 due road resurfacing from excess revenues. A \$10,000.00 payment not provided for in the budget was extended from the general fund in 2018 to assist in the payment of a lake dredging obligation. The dredging of Myrtle Trace lakes is an ongoing project for which an escrow had been established and into which \$51,660.00 in excess 2018 revenues had been budgetarily scheduled. To make the general fund whole for the \$10,000.00 payment made in support of a project that was to be paid from an escrow, the budgetary earmark to that escrow was reduced to \$41,660.00. Rather than \$120,899.00, only \$85,555.00 was required to replenish the escrows to the degree set forth in the budget. Insofar as \$90,794.00 was the actual amount of income surplus available for such replenishment, \$5239.00, the difference between \$90,794.00 and \$85,555.00 was the portion of that surplus that remained in the general fund after payment into the escrows. The state of our finances is more than stable and the decision not to increase the assessment in 2019 was a correct one.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: I would now like to introduce the chairpersons of our four very active committees. They will then tell you about the role of their committee and give their committee report. These individuals and their fellow committee members devote so many hours to ensure Myrtle Trace, our community, continues to be one of the best in South Carolina. First is Pat Paxson, who is the chairperson of the **Activity Committee** or as Pat prefers to call it the fun committee. Pat has served as chair of the committee for four years and she is also in charge of the monthly calendar and scheduling of events held in the Clubhouse.

Good Afternoon. This is my last time addressing the annual meeting as the Chair of the Activity Committee. I would like to thank all those who have assisted the Activity Committee in the offering of varied and enjoyable events during 2019 (and we have many). Our participant numbers have risen substantially since coming on board. The Myrtle Trace Activity Committee can be described in one word. That word is Marvelous! Majestic, active, relevant, versatile, exciting, loquacious, outstanding, uplifting and stupendously fun. The 2018 officers were: Chairperson - Pat Paxson, Vice Chairperson – Lee Williams, Secretary – Jeanne Niziol, Treasurer – Lisa Vawter. The 2019 officers are: Chairperson – Marie Tims, Vice-Chairperson – Lee Williams, Secretary – Marcia Schatz, Treasurer – Deb Perry. Good luck to these ladies as they navigate their way through directing the MTAC in 2019. During 2018

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the MTAC has put on 21 special events and 50 or more weekly, bi-monthly, monthly and every other month activities for the Myrtle Trace Community. We hope you enjoyed the ones you attended. If not, it was your loss because Myrtle Trace is not a neighborhood, IT IS A COMMUNITY, served by many volunteers in this community. Please be a part of this community and get involved if you are not already involved. We wish to invite you to a least join the FUN COMMITTEE. We met the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. At this time I would like to have all committee members and those who assisted with activities to stand and be recognized.

Now I would like to present Pat Hosford, chairperson of the **Architectural Review Committee**. Pat has chaired this committee for approximately fourteen years, is currently a member of the Lake Action Committee, chair of the Lake Retaining Committee and is also a past president.

Good Afternoon. The Architectural Review Committee continues to review and process homeowner requests for improvement to their property. As I am sure you know, we meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Each month we process an average of 25+ homeowner requests. This year I would like to speak about the process of homeowner tree removal. There seems to be some confusion regarding tree removal on homeowner property and tree removal on common property. To remove a tree from homeowner property, you must fill out a project request form requesting tree removal and submit that to ARC for review. After that is done, one of the members of our committee who is responsible for tree removal will come and assess your tree. These people are currently: Jenny Jenemann, Ron Petti, Anne Kongvold, Mickey Jarossy and Pat Hosford. The confusion comes from the fact that Leo Reger is listed under Property Committee as the person to contact for tree removal. That is true, but only tree removal from common property, not homeowner property. So, please, if you want to remove a tree from your property, submit the project request to ARC and we will be happy to review your request. Speaking of project requests, ARC asks that a project request form be completed for all your outdoor projects. This usually ensures that you do not fall into violation of Homeowners Guidelines or Covenants. There is a fine for violation of both. We have not increased these fine amounts in 11 years, but we will be working with the BOD this year to increase the fine amounts for architectural violations. Now, it is my pleasure to introduce the members of the 2019 Architectural Review Committee and ask them please to stand: Vice Chairperson Jenny Jenemann, Diane Connelly, Cecil Hummel, Mickey Jarossy, Anne Kongvold, Dianne McDonough, Terry McTamaghan, Nancy Murphy, Ron Petti, Lee Sutherland and our invaluable secretary Terry Eisenhardt. Thank you for your time and service to the community. Thank you also to the BOD for their commitment to the community. Special thanks to Renzo Falcinelli and Nancy Southard who will leave the Board this year. Your job is demanding and we thank you for your support of ARC. Thank you for submitting your property improvement requests to ARC and keep them coming in 2019.

Next is Ted Ackley, the “energizer bunny” of Myrtle Trace. I say this because besides chairing the **Communications Committee** he is a past president, Myrtle Trace website assistant, editor and publisher of the News & Views and Accounts Payable contractor and printer of the MT directory and still finds time to bowl a couple days a week.

Good Afternoon. The Communications Committee was formed about ten years ago soon after Jim Wilkison created our website. The Committee’s purpose was to coordinate the efforts of several volunteers who perform various duties to keep our residents well-informed. The News & Views is still

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the primary source of current information about our community. It reaches every resident and every homeowner including those who don’t live here. An e-mail version is also available to anyone who

wishes to receive it. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list just give me a call or send me an e-mail. You will still receive your paper copy. More about the News & Views later. Susan Lyons is the Webmaster of our website and Bruce Williams provides all the photos and technical support. I provide back-up for Susan. It contains a vast amount of useful information: Minutes of Board meetings, Annual meetings and committee meetings for the past 6 years are available. Photos of the Board members and committee members are also displayed. News & Views issues for the past seven years are also on file. A very useful feature of the website is a listing of contractors and service providers who have been recommended by Myrtle Trace residents. This listing is found under Homeowner Resources. Also found in Homeowners Resources are the various Policies and Procedures established by the Board of Directors over the years. Finally, the website is a great way to show your family and friends back home what a great community you live in. Whenever you see the Myrtle Trace flag lowered, a resident has passed away. The name of the deceased may be found in the In Memoriam section of the website and it will also be posted at the Clubhouse entrance. Our official greeters, Bonnie Longnecker & Pam Reinhart, visited 48 new families or individuals during the past year. After at least ten years of valuable service as a greeter, Bonnie has retired in anticipation of moving to a colder climate. Kathy Gerhart has graciously agreed to take over for

Bonnie. One of the few problems the Greeters have is finding out when someone new has moved in. Therefore, I'm asking each of you to let Kathy or Pam know when you get a new neighbor. Other members of the committee are Lina Janovitz who maintains our Community directory database and also mails the News & Views each month to about 25 non-resident homeowners. Jeanie Rhodes edits the News & Views fliers and Pat Paxson prepares and maintains the community calendar which is found on the back page of the News & Views each month. She also handles private reservations for the use of the Clubhouse. Jon Bourne maintains an emergency e-mail database which is used ONLY when there becomes an urgent need to contact as many of our residents as possible. In addition to serving as Chairman of the Communications Committee, I've been the Editor of the News & Views for the past 24 years. Carol Blonowicz has been trained as my backup. Our News & Views carriers are Bill Alexandra, Charlie Conklin, Tom Gayer, Jean & Joe Glavan, Bob Kirk, Thor Kongvold, Gary Main, Sheilah Reynolds, Nancy Seeds and Dot Thompson. I would like to thank all the committee members and the news carriers for their valuable service. They all do a great job. Our committee assignments are listed on the back page of the Myrtle Trace Directory. Please feel free to call any of us if you have questions or need information. Thank you very much.

Our fourth committee is the **Property Committee**. Rich McEvoy is finishing his second year as chair of this committee. Rich and fellow members of this Committee are responsible for overseeing the maintenance and preservation of all Common Ground and infrastructure; Clubhouse, pool, roads, road signs, and lakes in Myrtle Trace which is a huge undertaking.

All committee members please stand and we recognized. There were 34 tree removals in 2018 at a cost of \$7,700.00 led by Leo Reger. Tom Gray supervised road patching and crack sealing at a cost of \$5,500.00. In 2019 we will experience a road resurfacing project on Myrtle Trace Drive. During this project only 56 homes will be directly impacted for a two plus day period while seal coat adheres to the surface. During this period, the surface cannot be walked or ridden on. Alternate parking will be necessary during this time. Assistance to those who need it will be provided by the Property Committee. Road rules during the project will include the initial phase of back gate sealing; all traffic will exit

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toward Burning Ridge Road. In the secondary phase all traffic from Birchwood Lane will exit back toward the gate. All other traffic will exit toward Burning Ridge Road. All essential services will be notified of the road project. Cooperation of all residents is essential for a successful outcome. Thank you.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The council of Past Presidents' was formed approximately twelve years ago; its purpose is to serve as a resource of information and "history" to the current president. I would like to call on Mary Johnsen, the current chairperson, to give the Past President's Council report.

As Chairperson and on behalf of the Council of Past Presidents, I'd like to share with you what our Committee does and how we were able to assist the current board and our community in 2019.

Our mission statement declares we are here to serve as a helpful resource to the Board of Directors and to tap into the corporate memory of our members as part of that resource when requested.

What does that mean in practical terms to the current board and to you?

To date there have been 24 Past Presidents, 15 of whom are active members of the council. We have had the privilege of serving Myrtle Trace, and just like each one of you, possess abilities and experiences that can be shared with others.

Our involvement did not end when our term expired, we just took on a different role, that of an advisor and counselor.

We meet on a quarterly basis and receive an update from the President of the HOA on the status of Myrtle Trace, and if we are called upon to offer an opinion and assistance in resolving an issue, we do so as we feel our previous roles gives us an insight that can be beneficial.

We are also involved in ensuring new residents are welcomed and assimilated into the community. We have a crew of terrific greeters, Bonnie Longnecker, Pam Reinhart and Cathy Gerhart, who provide valuable information to new residents when they move in.

We follow up after that initial meeting with a telephone call, reminding them that we are available for any help and try to recommend an activity for them to join so they can feel part of the community.

We also offer two opportunities for new residents to come together and meet the current Board and committee chairs at our semi-annual New Residents Orientation. Besides giving our new neighbors an opportunity to ask those questions that may have occurred since moving in, we share how Myrtle Trace is self-managed and what it takes to maintain and preserve our community.

This event also allows us to find out more about your new neighbors and what talents they bring to Myrtle Trace. At this get-together we ask them to fill out a "Meet Your New Neighbor" form, which we place in the News and Views.

Our hope is that they feel welcomed, understand what a unique community we are, and how their talents can make a difference to Myrtle Trace.

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As mentioned previously, we've had the privilege of serving as presidents of this community and we hope we've made a positive impact, not because of any special abilities, but because we said yes to a need. You can do the same. You don't have to serve on the Board, or even a committee, although we're always looking to fill those roles. Get involved, whether it's attending a Board Meeting, or an activity at the clubhouse. There are any number of places where you can offer help. This is your community and it is only as good as what each resident puts into it. Be available, say yes, make a difference. Thank you.

BOARD REPORT:

I would like to start this report by reviewing some of the things which took place in 2018:

- Retaining walls constructed on Heron, and completed portions on Oriole and Bunting.
- After several years of gathering information and study of our lakes we had our first dredging project. Lake Sparrow, Oriole and a small portion of Cormorant, nearest the golf course was done.
- Distributed revised policies from 2018 to be placed in the MTHOA Policies & Guideline notebook.
- Clean-up after Florence. We were very fortunate compared to some other areas in North and South Carolina. But as always, people of Myrtle Trace came together, pitched in helping others.
- Portion of pool was repaired and replastered.
- Many "pot holes" along Myrtle Trace Drive were patched and cracks were sealed on Myrtle Trace Drive and a few other streets as well.
- Established a Kitchen Refurbishing Committee to develop a plan which would not only update or kitchen but also make it more functional.
- Forty-three (43) homes were sold in Myrtle Trace.

Happenings for 2019:

- Retaining wall construction has already begun on a portion of Lake Cormorant, the portion from Juneberry to Wedgewood.
- The Lake Preservation Action Committee will be spearheading the second round of dredging to take place on Lake Bunting and Lake Heron.
- Sealing of Myrtle Trace Drive. Board is hopeful this method will meet the needs in Myrtle Trace and becomes a viable option for extending the life span of our roads.
- The renovation of the kitchen. This was initially part of the plan refurbishing the Clubhouse in 2013. If you have ever worked in the kitchen during a large event, you know it is lacking in storage and function.

This is my third year serving on the Board and my second year that I have had the honor of serving as the president. I was thinking about what to say as my riding into the sunset speech. My earlier topics

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have included: factors for buying a home in Myrtle Trace; Teamwork; and Unity. This year I would like to do something a little different. First, please stand if you lived in Myrtle Trace in 1999. Thank you. A little trivia, in the last three years, from January 2016 to December 2018, one hundred twenty nine (129) houses have been sold in Myrtle Trace. That is twenty-five percent. So I thought I would talk about something that was happening in Myrtle Trace about 20 years ago. I was looking through files of Board minutes from years ago and came across the minutes of the Annual Meeting, held on March 1, 2000 at the Wheelwright Auditorium on the Coastal Campus. The outgoing president, Nancy Murphy was talking about Switch Road. How many of you have ever heard of Switch Road? Switch Road was a dirt road actually referred to as a conservation road, which connected route 501 to 544. When I first moved here, it was said it would always be a dirt road. Sound familiar? Today, Switch Road is known as Myrtle Ridge Road. This came about because a builder wanted to start a development on the road, strangely enough across the street from Myrtle Trace. The project was originally called Lake Shore; we know it today as Lakeside Crossing. As you can imagine, the heavy construction trucks going up and down Switch Road caused all kinds of problems with dust being kicked up and all of the equipment noise. People living on the Cedar Ridge, Timberline and Cottonwood were definitely impacted by this project. Board members and residents of Myrtle Trace attended county council meetings and took steps to have the problem addressed. Nancy Murphy was discussing how the road ultimately was to be a four lane highway. At that time, the County Council required the builder of Lake Shore development to build two of the four lanes. We know this development as Lakeside Crossing. In addition, the builder was to construct a berm which is behind the houses on the cull-de- sac of Cedar Ridge in Phase VI. The builder said at that time, he was in agreement with the planning commission and the county council and that if, in the future, they wish to complete the four lanes, then the county will come back in and disturb the Lake Shore side of the berm but not our side. The berm was constructed to address our concerns of dust, noise and to ensure visual privacy to homes on Cedar Ridge, Juneberry and Cottonwood Drive.

You may be asking yourself, what has this got to do with us in 2019, almost twenty years later? Well, if you have read the last two issues of News & Views or attending the last two Board meetings, you may have figured out the berm Nancy was discussing is the same berm and area the SCDOT has advised us they want to purchase land to move back the right-of-way. The plan is to tear down the berm, move it back and rebuild it so a right hand turn lane coming into Myrtle Trace can be constructed.

Nancy Murphy talked of an agreement where if at a future date the road was expanded the berm would not be disturbed. A couple of years ago, Pat Hosford and I were discussing the building which was going on and talk of additional developments or businesses being built on Myrtle Ridge Road. She said there was a written agreement with the county, and the Association should have a record of it. After looking several times for the document and having called some past presidents with no luck, Pat agreed to call Steve Gosnell, who was the Director of the Infrastructure and Regulation Division. His office sent a copy of the letter which had been written in 2006 and a copy of the plat. The letter says and I quote, "The right-of-way for Myrtle Ridge Drive is wide enough to accommodate the ultimate road section, therefore if and when Myrtle Ridge Road is ever widened there is adequate right-of-way to make the improvements without getting into the buffer area".

Unfortunately, when I shared this letter with the SC DOT representative, his response was, "It doesn't say it can't be moved".

Some members of the Board have met with the independent appraiser. She will add our cost figures for drilling a new well and associated expenses to her appraisal figures. The appraiser submits what she

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thinks is market value of property the state wants to buy. As you can imagine, that strip of land doesn't have any potential real estate value but to Myrtle Trace it is priceless!

The members of the Board believed it to be in the best interest of the Myrtle Trace Community to obtain council who had experience in property condemnation or eminent domain to advise and assist us during this process. Our Association Attorney recommended we contact Doug Zaychick with the Bellamy Law Firm in Conway. Some of the members of the Board met with Doug and a coworker Rob. They walked the property area with us, listened to our concerns and will be working with us during this process. On Wednesday, I met with our county councilman Johnnie Vaught to discuss our concerns. I took the map given to us by the SCDOT, the letter from the appraiser with the project number, the information regarding the well and the letter from Steve Gosnell. Councilman Vaught told me he was unfamiliar with the project, would check into it and get back to me. I received a call from Councilman Vaught late Friday afternoon. He had been in a meeting with people involved in the Myrtle Ridge Road project and said they had a proposal and possible solution to address our concerns. He said he could meet next week to share the information with some members of the Board.

I find it a little strange, twenty years later and we are again dealing with the berm. The members of the Board don't see any benefit to a right hand turn lane. Moving the berm back would mean the berm will come very close to private property of homes on cull-de-sac on Cedar Ridge; water from the ditch when it overflows will be closer to homes; the entrance lane into Myrtle Trace will be shortened by as much as two car lengths; and making a left hand turn going out of Myrtle Trace will be more difficult.

Our hope is the problem will go away. It may not be easy and may require actions from residents of Myrtle Trace. However, I believe should this be necessary Myrtle Trace will come together as we have in the past. As some of you may know this isn't the first "battle" Myrtle Trace has faced. Once the homes were sold in Lakeside Crossing we experienced an increase in traffic on Myrtle Trace Drive as it was being used as a cut through to the bank, hospital and store. Myrtle Trace residents came together and lobbied the county, and faced a great deal of opposition from many people from neighboring developments to put a gate up at the Myrtle Ridge entrance. To accomplish this we lobbied the county to agree to turn ownership of the roads in Phases I-VII over to Myrtle Trace. This was a long process and was widely publicized in the newspaper articles and editorials.

With respect to the current issue, the members of the Board will continue to update you as more information is available.

Although I am finishing my three year term on the Board, the road which led me to this point has been longer. It started in 2010, my job at the beach was outsourced, and I decided to start attending board meetings every month. Several months passed and when the president at that time, Cathy McElroy came up to me following the meeting and recommended I get on a committee and get involved in Myrtle Trace. I joined the Property Committee, first serving as the "tree" person, then secretary and in 2013 was appointed by the board to be chair of the committee. While serving as chair many things come to mind as happening. Like the phone calls from Charlene Rose at 1-2 a.m. in the morning telling me to go to Clubhouse to meet the police due to the alarm system going off; major ice storm; hurricane; major renovation and upgrades to the pool; sinkhole off Wedgewood; and the refurbishing of the Clubhouse are events that come to mind.

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Again, it has been an honor to serve. Over the course of these three years and the previous seven years of involvement on committees there have been good days and bad. Fortunately, the good outweigh the bad. I have received helpful suggestions, as well as letters and cards of support, thank you for those. Thanks to all of you.

At this time I will ask Santo to give the election results.

ELECTION RESULTS:

The result of the election is Pat Paxson and Mary L'Heureux will join the Board as members. Welcome, and Herman thanks again for running.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM ATTENDEES: Nancy said no questions or comments had been submitted.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION:

Volunteers play a key role in Myrtle Trace. We as you know, are self-governed, all committee members, committee chairs and board members give freely of their time and efforts to keep Myrtle Trace a great community as we know it. This past April we had a very successful Volunteer luncheon which more than one hundred volunteers attended. I am going to read a list of groups of volunteers, when I have finished reading the list I would like anyone who is a member of a committee or group to please stand. Activity Committee, ARC Committee, Communications Committee, Property Committee, chorus, Lake Preservation Action Committee, Myrtle Trace Players, Past Presidents Council, a member of the Board past or present, News & Views carrier, pool monitor, Nominating Committee, Neighborhood Watch and anyone who helped pack and distribute packets for the Annual Meeting. Again, if you are a one of these individuals please stand. While you are standing please look around. THIS IS WHAT MAKES MYRTLE TRACE THE SUCH A GREAT COMMUNITY and the great place we call home. Thank you to all of you. Before going on, I would like to take a couple of minutes and talk about a particular volunteer. This person has lived in Myrtle Trace for many years, and has given so much of her time for the community, she served as a co-chair of the Activity Committee I know at least in 1999, chaired the resident art displays in the Clubhouse, has worked sorting and shelving books, puzzles and DVD tapes in the library and for approximately the past ten years has served as the Myrtle Trace Greeter meeting all of you when you moved in and in at least one case before the moving van arrived; I am sure you all know by now the individual is Bonnie Longnecker. Bonnie has recently retired from each of these positions and in the coming months will be moving to Tennessee. Bonnie would you please stand, and let's give her a great round of applause to thank her and show how much we appreciate all she has done.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Renzo is finishing his latest term as board member. He was appointed in November 2017 when a fellow board member left Myrtle Trace due to a family situation. When the situation came about, I called Renzo explained the circumstances and asked if he would be willing to serve on the board and complete this individual's term. He said yes and during this time he has served as vice-president, director-at-large,

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liaison to both Property and ARC Committees and was a member of the Lake Preservation Committee. I

have truly enjoyed working with Renzo and during my first year as president didn't hesitate to call him ask questions and use him as my sounding board. I have never asked him if said yes because he was willing to serve or if was because his wife Nancy told him he needed to help. Renzo, dare I ask today? Renzo and his wife Nancy have lived in Myrtle Trace for close to 22 years, they recently sold their home and have moved to the "beach". Renzo, thank you for all you have done for Myrtle Trace over the years. I know you and Nancy co-chaired the Activity Committee for a few years and held some great Myrtle Trace wine and cheese parties at the clubhouse, you served on the board for three years, served on ARC committee, Lake Preservation Committee and I may have left out a few committees. We wish you the best of luck and hope you will come back to Myrtle Trace on occasion and visit. We would like to give you this as a token of our appreciation for your efforts and years of service to Myrtle Trace.

Renzo said one of the reasons they moved here was they had heard Myrtle Trace was completely self-governed. There is so much talent in Myrtle Trace that running an HOA is easy. It has been an honor to be a resident of this community.

Les Gerhart concluded saying as the year comes to a close being president becomes more trying. Nancy Southard is one of the most hard working and knowledgeable people I have ever worked with. She knows everything that is going on. Les presented Nancy with a gift.

Nancy thanked everyone and said with no further business to be considered I will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion made by Bill Gascoigne and seconded by Dave Paxson. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Gascoigne, Recording Secretary