

Forest Gate HOA Annual Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by president, Brent Wallace

Brent asked that all homeowners introduce themselves. A homeowner also asked that each nominee running for the Board stand up and introduce themselves and state why they were running and what they wanted to accomplish if elected to the board.

There was much discussion about why there were only three positions being voted on at the annual meeting instead of four (with the imminent resignation of Brent at the end of the annual meeting). Brent discussed the Board appointing his replacement upon his resignation in accordance with the current bylaws. There was some confusion between some members and Bob Kenny regarding the Bylaws that members had downloaded from the website vs. the most current Bylaws that Bob Kenny had. It was determined the website didn't have the most current, revised version. Bob will forward the revised version to Carrie to post on the website. Jeremy Isaac made a motion to allow attendees to vote for the fourth board member at this meeting, and the president denied the motion. Members were asked to vote for the three members and hand their ballot to a board member for tallying.

Mike Saign, Firewise Chair, introduced the guest speaker, Ed Bracken who is the Director of Black Forest Together. Mike indicated that Fire Chief Bryan Jack was supposed to speak as well, however, he was called out to a fire.

Mr. Bracken reviewed how the Black Forest fire spread so quickly and was uncontrollable because the fire was in the crowns of the trees. He informed the HOA why Black Forest Together was formed and what they have done for residents in the forest since its inception. He also encouraged Forest Gate homeowners to continue their efforts of mitigation as it is not if another fire will occur, but when. Mr. Bracken also reviewed the grants that have been made available to homeowners and that Forest Gate homeowners should contact the BF Together office to see how they can take advantage of future grants. BF Together can be reached at: 719-495-2445 or through their website: [www.blackforesttogether.org](http://www.blackforesttogether.org)

Mike thanked Mr. Bracken and also introduced Ron Torgerson (Lot #49) who is the 2017 Firewise Chair and Mike will be the Assistant. Mike also thanked the homeowners for their continuing mitigation efforts and indicated that mitigation is an on-going responsibility.

Bob Kenny, Treasurer, reviewed the 2016 budget and the proposed 2017 budget reviewing why the dues was being reduced to \$40/year. The budget was approved.

Diane Saign, Secretary thanked Carrie Isaac the website manager and asked Jeremy to pass along the "thanks". Diane also recognized and thanked the Neighborhood Watch Captains and stated that there were two new Captains for 2017 but she still needed one more. If anyone is interested, please contact Diane directly. The Neighborhood Homeowner list was at the sign-in table and Diane asked that everyone check their information for accuracy and a revised list would be sent to all home/lot owners after the first of the year.

The votes were tallied by Diane Saign and Ed Pedersen, V.P. The results were announced by the president. Jeff Crank, Jeremy Isaac and John Graham were elected to the 2017 Board. Congratulations.

Brent handed the Board his resignation letter and thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

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