

**Bayou Vista Volunteer Fire Department**  
**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**Thursday, February 8, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.**

The Board of Directors of the Bayou Vista Volunteer Fire Department (BVVFD) convened for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2018, at 6:00 pm. at the MUD #12 – Reception Hall – located at 2929 Highway 6, Bayou Vista, TX. A quorum of the Board of Directors was present and included the following:

President	Paula Eshelman	Present
Vice President	Carlos Price	Present
Director	Pat Pizzo	Absent
Treasurer	Stephanie Burt	Present
Secretary	Irene Henry	Absent

**1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by the Board President at 6:02pm.

**2. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Announcement by the President of the presence of a quorum, that the meeting had been duly called, and that the notice of the meeting had been posted in the manner as prescribed by the bylaws of the BVVFD.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken as reflected above.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

**5. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – None.**

**6. DISCUSSION**

- A. Status update on awarded or pending grants to BVVFD – Chief/Captain.  
Captain Doolittle stated there are no grants pending.
- B. Status on repairs/cost to Engine One from both incidents.  
Repairs are completed. No invoice has yet been received. Stephanie Burt will deposit check (currently with the City Secretary) from the insurance company into the checking account so that when the invoice is received, it can be paid with those funds.
- C. Consider and take possible action to approve BVVFD Fire Chief’s Activity Report for the month of January 2018.  
A motion was made by Stephanie Burt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carlos Price and carried with all in favor to approve the report as presented.

**7. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Consider and take possible action to approve the BVVFD Board of Directors Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors:
  - 1. Regular Meeting of January 11, 2018.  
A motion was made by Carlos Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Burt and carried with all in favor to approve the BVVFD Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting of January 11, 2018.
- B. Consider and take possible action to approve the General Operating Financial Report for the month of January, 2018, as submitted by Stephanie Burt, Treasurer.  
A motion was made by Carlos Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Eshelman and carried with all in favor to approve the report as presented.

- C. Consider and take possible action to approve upcoming event schedule.
1. Memorial Weekend and use of gift card received to offset food cost, etc.  
A motion was made by Carlos Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Burt and carried with all in favor to approve the use of the gift card to offset food cost, etc. for Memorial Weekend event.
  2. Possible Halloween Casino and Dance, October 27, 2018 – depending on receiving donation to pay for Casino vendor.  
A motion was made by Stephanie Burt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carlos Price to explore the possibility of hosting a Halloween Casino Night event contingent on receipt of donation to cover casino company costs.

**8. DISCUSSION:**

- A. The use of Fire Department property for placement of political signage.  
Stephanie Burt commented that there are several political signs posted on the property owned by the BVVFD, and that this may appear to be an implicit endorsement of a candidate for office, which is not in the interest of the BVVFD. She recommended that we do not allow political signage on our property, and she offered to contact the candidates/ their campaigns and ask them to remove their signs from private property. Paula Eshelman commented that at least one of the signs has been there for several weeks, perhaps months, and asked that we consider waiting until after the May election to enforce this prohibition of signage. She also recommended that we purchase signs alerting the public that this is private property and no posted signs are allowed, which was agreed to by all. Carlos Price agreed to allow Stephanie Burt to contact the candidates/campaigns and ask them to remove their signs.
- B. Firefighters' Masquerade Ball – January 20, 2018, as reported by Secretary, Irene Henry. – Fundraiser had a net proceeds of \$3,226.00.

**9. MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

- A. General Members
1. Captain Doolittle commented that the air bottles will expire in the coming months and will need to be replaced. He plans to buy two or three per month until the ten are replaced. This will be paid for with the Galveston County Contract funds.
  2. Captain Doolittle informed the Board that the trucks had air leaks due to the recent freeze. He commented that the current gas heater that exists in the bay, in order for it to be operable, needs to be vented through the building which would require installation of vents along the MUD building. He proposed instead to purchase a new electric heater with total costs of approximately \$1400 including installation. Following some discussion, a motion was made by Carlos Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Burt with all in favor to approve the purchase of the new electric heater, pending approval by the President of the MUD Board. Paula Eshelman agreed to contact the MUD President for his approval.
- B. Board Members – No comments.
- C. President – No comments.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

With a motion made by Carlos Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Burt, duly put and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors adjourned at 6:51pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie L. Burt, Treasurer**