

## BFSNA General Meeting Minutes, November 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Andrew Parthum at 7:05.

Treasurer's Report -- General Funds	\$4185.37
Pine Street Dinner	<u>-199.98</u>
	\$3985.39
Book Scholarship Fund	\$3711.35
Scholarships	-2400.00
Tag Sale	<u>+1340.31</u>
	\$2651.66

Secretary's Report – The minutes of the October meeting were accepted.

### Program:

Annie Garmey, Director of Institutional Advancement, at Hearth, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending elder homelessness, spoke to the members about the goals and challenges of her organization. The organization's headquarters are at the corner of Washington and East Concord. Hearth has 40 housing units at that facility with 136 total units in the city. They also provide an outreach program that helps elders (50 and older) to find other housing in the city. It is estimated that there are between 1200 and 1700 homeless elders in the city of Boston. The Washington Street facility provides 3 lunches a week and has social workers and nurses on site.

Volunteers are needed in many areas – entertainment, special meals, and bringing pets were a few suggestions. The neighborhood association volunteered to donate holiday gifts.

### Other Business:

Brittany Hagan of Aroa Fine Chocolate asked that we support restaurant seating at her business. The seating is already there, but, due to zoning confusion, they have a temporary permit and must re-apply. The members voted unanimously to send a letter of support.

The Christmas tree and wreath sale will be on Saturday, December 6, at the Rutland Haven Street Garden. Order forms will be sent to members soon.

The next meeting will be on December 9. There will be holiday refreshments.