

BFSNA General Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2009

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

Treasurer's Report -- General Funds (\$588 from wreath sale)	\$4573
Book Scholarship Fund	\$2651

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

The cocktail party, a fund raiser for the scholarship fund, will take place on Thursday, February 26, at Andrew Parthum's home from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. His address is 1597 Washington Street #502, buzzer #0023.

There was an abbreviated discussion about the Shephard Fairey art work on the wall at the corner of Shawmut and Rutland. Susan and Fritz, the owners of the home, explained how they worked with the Institute of Contemporary Art to install the art which is made with paper and applied with wheat paste. Their contact at the BRA said that the work is compliant with local historical rules because it is temporary and removable. There are objections to the installation of the art work from members of the Neighborhood Association. There will be further discussion at the March meeting.

The group then proceeded to the Blackstone Community Center. Jose Rodriguez, a member of the staff, gave a tour of the facilities. The building has classrooms used for tutoring, after-school programs, and GED classes. They have a gymnasium, a swimming pool, and meeting rooms, all available to be used by neighbors.