

## BFSNA General Meeting Minutes, March 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
Cocktail party	\$1805
(and the checks are still coming)	
Total Scholarship Fund	\$4456

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

The topic of the meeting was the Shephard Fairy street art at the corner of Shawmut and Rutland. Susan Batista reported on the results of the Landmark meeting concerning the installation. They are getting approval for the art work. It will be removed by power washing in August. There may be a sign near it to identify what it is.

Jim Keeney spoke for those who are troubled by the art work. He noted that the Historical Society is against the installation. He fears that anyone will be able to decorate their homes with anything they like, describing it as "art." He said that the work destroys the intent of the historical neighborhood. He is also concerned that neighbors weren't informed before the work was installed.

There was general agreement that our neighborhood should have more specific regulations governing signs in general. It is hoped that the city addresses the dilemma of encouraging art while being responsible to the character of the neighborhood.