

BFSNA General Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:07. Those present introduced themselves.

Treasurer's Report	June, 2006	3904.73
	Tag Sale	1036.48
	Wreath Sale	741.90
	TOTAL	5683.11
	Scholarship funds	- 1036.48
	Available funds	4646.63

Secretary's Report The minutes of the January meeting were corrected and accepted.

The cocktail party to raise money for the scholarship fund will take place on February 28. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Andrew Parthum at aparthum@aol.com.

Program

The first speaker of the evening was Susan Passoni, candidate for the Boston City Council. She ran in the last election, getting 40% of the vote. If elected she expressed her interest in dealing with the problems of ever-increasing residential real estate taxes in the city, in continuing the work on improving public education in the city, and in addressing the increasing problem of crime, especially aggravated assault. She emphasized her strong financial background and her involvement in numerous civic organizations. It was noted that South Boston and the South End have very similar numbers of registered voters. The South Boston voters tend to vote on election day. There are 8 candidates running in the April 17 Special Primary. Susan is the only one from the South End. The Special Election is on May 15. Ms Passoni's website is susanpassoni.com.

Tom Formicola, Director of Education of the Boston Center for Adult Education, spoke of the organization's ever-increasing commitment to meeting the needs of the community. The new Executive Director, P. J. Blankenhorn, is currently looking at course offerings and exploring collaborative possibilities with groups or organizations in the neighborhood. Mr. Formicola brought brochures presenting courses ranging from Beginning Ballet, to Introduction to Fly Fishing, to Understanding Personal Finance. Anyone with ideas on courses or interested in obtaining a brochure (a new one will come out in a few weeks) should contact Mr. Formicola at tformicola@bcae.org.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.