

DOVIA Mississippi  
July 17, 2013 @ Old Capitol Museum  
**Working Well With Corporate Volunteers**  
**Meeting Notes**

Thank you for a great meeting this morning. Special thanks to our hostess, Elizabeth Coleman, for the wonderful breakfast.

**PRESENT:**

- Beth Fisher, speaker
- Michele Baker
- Doris Bridgeman
- Elizabeth Coleman
- Krista Estes
- Dawn Jones
- David Mallery
- Becky Olthof
- Ann Taylor
- Chrystelle Thames

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Gentle reminder that DOVIA memberships are individual and annual. There's still time to renew your DOVIA membership for 2013! [Renew \(or join\) today](#) for just \$25.

**Treasurer's Report:** DOVIA has \$1,978.03 in the bank as of June 30.

**WORKING WELL WITH CORPORATE VOLUNTEERS**

**Beth Fisher, Trustmark National Bank**

- Connections are paramount
- "Ask" is not a 4-letter word! Don't take it personally if people say "no."
- Keep your connections updated
- Corporations offer paid time off to employees
- Check the Clarion-Ledger, Northside Sun, local magazines and newspapers
- Many companies will send out notice to involve spouse, kids
- Beth will send out your volunteer opportunities – give her plenty of notice (3 months is optimal)
- Be good partners – call your corporate contacts back and help them help you
- Make your volunteer opportunity list and then double it – people would rather have too much to do than be idle
- Think outside the box – corporations have really had enough of Walk-A-Thons and golf tournaments
- Trustmark gives grants: [www.trustmark.com/contributions](http://www.trustmark.com/contributions) (please bundle your events and requests for funding into a single application)

**David Mallery, Volunteer Mississippi**

- Trend is towards collaborations and working together
- New group: "Engage Mississippi" is a collaboration of MS Center for Nonprofits, MS Commission for Volunteer Service, and the Association of Grantmakers
- When the report is ready, we will post it on the DOVIA website