

Mississippi DOVIA

February 18, 2016

Location: City Hall & Greater Jackson Chamber of Commerce

Members present

- Fran Baker
- Michele Baker
- Kris Beatty
- Stacy Crain
- Veronica Herrin
- Dawn Jones
- Joanna Puddister King
- Jay-Tea Leggett
- Amariah McCarthy
- Vera Wilson

Treasurer's Report

Bank account: \$2,706.37

16 members (new and renewal)

Time to renew for 2016!

Announcements

- Remember to renew your DOVIA Membership (dues are now \$30 per person)
- Have an exceptional volunteer? You can send them to Kris Beatty, and Volunteer Greater Jackson will highlight them on Mondays as their MVV (Most Valuable Volunteer)
- Mark your calendar for the GIVE Awards on April 11.
- Hunger Free Jackson is hosting a Hunger Conference on February 10, 2016 at Millsaps College from 9:00 – 3:00. Contact thoahoang@goodsamaritancenter.org for more information
- Crossroads Film Festival needs volunteers in a variety of capacities for the festival including: taking tickets, organizing ballots, transportation, docents, and someone on call to assist out of state filmmakers
- The Center for Pregnancy Choices will be holding a Governor's Luncheon on March 29.
- The Good Samaritan Center is holding their monthly Volunteer Saturday on Feb. 20 and expecting 80+ volunteers. If you have any information you would like displayed at the event, please contact Veronica at 601-355-6276 or veronicaherrin@goodsamaritancenter.org
- April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and Catholic Charities plans several events, including a Teen Summit and a Run/Walk
- AmeriCorps Week is March 6-12, 2016

Next Meeting

March 17: Field Trip to Center for Children & Youth (Baptist Hospital)

Tour of City Hall (Kristi Moore) and Presentation by Elis McBride on the City of Jackson Volunteer Program

- DOVIA got a wonderful tour of City Hall
- Elis McBride, with the city of Jackson, presented on various projects the city uses volunteers for.
 - Project Read → students go into childcare facilities and JPS to read and mentor students. Project Read hopes to increase literacy in our community

- Keep Jackson Beautiful → volunteers help with cleanup efforts in their local community. Keep Jackson Beautiful has also created Love Your Block which gives neighborhood supplies to help them keep their neighborhood clean.
- St. Paddy's → the city helps recruits volunteers for the event
- Retirees help with administrative tasks
- Super Neighborhood Councils → new group that recruits members of local neighborhood associations to work as a collective for the city of Jackson.
- The City of Jackson's AmeriCorps program is focused on health. AmeriCorps members for the City serve as Community Health Allies in their local neighborhoods.
- 311 → City's hotline for reporting any issues, including potholes