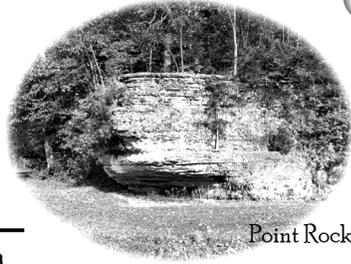


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

January-February 2016

Membership: 73

Hi everyone

I hope everyone had a good holiday with friends and family.

It's hard to believe that Ground Hog's Day is almost here....

You know what that means? Neither do I...

Thanks to Carol Frey and the committee, we had a very successful Christmas walk and tour of homes.... and thank you to the folks who opened up their homes to the rest of us. We had 70 people purchase tickets, which allowed the Chamber to donate a \$100 gift certificate from Shaw's to the local food pantry.

The Mayfest committee has begun the work of putting together another fun and successful event. There is a lot to do and any volunteer help would certainly be appreciated. It will be held at the Campbell Center again this year, so we are looking forward to carrying on the tradition.

We will be putting together a general membership mtg in March and will be asking the candidates for Circuit Clerk and Superintendent Mathers to speak with us. When and where details to follow. We hope to see a large gathering to hear what they have to say.

Bye for now.

Larry

Board of Directors

Larry DeSpain-President: Hotel Glenview

Sibyl Doty-Treasurer:



Catherine Pokropinski-

Secretary

Board Members:

Amy Sack:



Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount
Carroll

John Pokropinski

Diane Bausman: Blackhawk Waterways CVB

Carol Frey: Land of Oz/Subway

Connie Zink: Roberts' Roost Country Guest
House

Jeff Elliott: Kunes Country

Lydia Hutchcraft, Carroll County Treasurer's
Office

Lisa Lewis

Marketing & Events Coordinator: Laura Miller-
DeSpain-dabluz boutique

Bob Hatheway-Past President Shaw's Market
Place

John Pokropinski-Website Administrator

Andrew Williamson-Ribbon Cutting Liaison

Chamber General Membership Meeting

March 3, 2016

Location: To be determined

Menu:

Price: \$

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Please RSVP no later than

Monday, February 29, 2016

at 5:00PM

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Mapping Committee, Joe Grimm and the city crews for creating the ice rink for wintertime fun.

Mission Statement: The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce is a community organization in partnership with business, tourism and government to further promote economic growth and quality of life in Mount Carroll.

December Treasurer's Report

Balance as of November 23, 2015

\$11,219.94

REVENUE

11/30/15 Interest for November	\$ 0.30
12/04/15 50/50	\$ 25.00
12/04/15 Redeposit meeting cash	\$ 125.00
12/04/15 Membership meals-(missing 1 meal)	\$ 225.00
12/14/15 Ornament sales	\$ 210.00
12/14/15 Tour of Homes	\$ 500.00
12/14/15 Shop Small Saturday	\$ 175.00
12/22/15 Dues	\$ 75.00
12/22/15 December missing meal	\$ 15.00
12/22/15 City of MTC/website portion	\$ 275.00
12/31/15 Interest for December	\$ 0.29

Sub-Total

\$ 1,625.59

EXPENSE

12/03/15 Henry's Double K-membership meals	\$ 240.00
12/03/15 cash-membership meeting	\$ 125.00
12/08/15 U.S. Postal Service/balance owed on envelopes	\$ 18.35
12/08/15 Shaw's-chamber bucks	\$ 49.04
12/14/15 Land of Oz/Santa	\$ 50.00
12/14/15 dabluz-chamber bucks	\$ 75.00
12/14/15 Timber Lake Resort/ad	\$ 55.00
12/14/15 Mirror Democrat	\$ 144.00
12/14/15 Diane Bausman/wreat xmas walk door prize	\$ 20.00
12/16/15 Mirror Democrat-chamber bucks	\$ 35.00
12/22/15 WCCI	\$ 100.00
12/22/15 Sauk Valley Media	\$ 37.80
12/22/15 Prairie Advocate	\$ 98.00
12/22/15 Market St. Commons/Jan-June2016 Rent	\$ 600.00
12/22/15 Catherine Pokropinski-Sec./Oct-Dec	\$ 300.00
12/22/15 Sibyl Doty-Treasurer/Oct-Dec	\$ 300.00

Sub-Total

\$ 2,247.19

Balance as of December 31, 2015

\$10,598.34

Mayfest Checking Account

\$1,979.78

Mayfest Savings Account

\$779.69

January Treasurer's Report

Balance as of December 31, 2015 \$ 10,598.34

	<u>REVENUE</u>
1/25/16 Cat's Meow	\$ 20.00
1/27/16 Ornament sales	<u>\$ 135.00</u>
SubTotal	\$ 155.00

	<u>EXPENSE</u>
1/27/16 Prairie Advocate	\$ 165.00
1/27/16 Sauk Valley Media	\$ 37.80
1/27/16 Mirror Democrat	<u>\$ 186.00</u>
	\$ 388.80

Balance as to January 27, 2016 \$ 10,364.54

Mayfest Checking Account \$ 1,979.78

Mayfest Savings Account \$ 779.69

Unapproved General Membership Meeting Minutes:

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce held a general membership meeting December 3, 2015 at Henry's Double K. Sixteen members were present.

Meeting was called to order by President Larry DeSpain. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Pokropinski and the blessing was led by Anna Gray.

Treasurer's reports for September, October and November 2015 were reviewed. Bob Hatheway moved to approve, Jeff Elliott seconded, and the reports were approved. The Secretary's report for September 2015 was reviewed. Anna Gray moved to approve, Bob Hatheway seconded and the report was approved.

Events:

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes: Still need a few house sitters for the Tour of Homes

New Business:

New Director for YMCA Camp Benson, Eli Rolli

Profit made from Shop Small Saturday will be a \$100.00 donation to the food pantry

50/50 winner John Pokropinski \$12.50 (donated back)

Meeting adjourned.

Marketing

We've had a little respite from events and marketing – now it's time to crank things up again. First up will be our annual Rummage thru Mount Carroll. I'll be putting the shout-out closer to the date (4th Friday & Saturday in April), but I've already started mentioning it on our Rummage through Mount Carroll Facebook page. We've decided NOT to hold a Chamber sale. IF we all do our part in promoting sign-ups, we can make this a little money-maker to kick-off some of our marketing needs. Mayfest is right around the corner. We've already started to get sign-ups for crafting/vending space. Marketing will be working with the Mayfest Committee to place the ads. We appreciate all of the support we've received from Mapping. We look forward to working with them as we update and distribute our Events information. Thank you for all YOU do to help us promote our wonderful community. IF you need me, here's where you can find me:

Laura Lee Shinn Miller DeSpain
116 E. Market St.
815-244-4058

Bye for now. See ya soon!

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—December 2015 and January 2016

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting January 27, 2016 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, Laura Miller-DeSpain, John Pokropinski, Anna Gray, Amy Sack, Carol Frey, Lydia Hutchcraft, Jeff Elliott, Lisa Lewis, Bob Hatheway, Dan Danielowski and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Larry DeSpain

December & January Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-Bob Hatheway/ 2nd-Jeff Elliott/ Approved

November Secretary's Report: Moved to approve – Bob Hatheway/ 2nd-Diane Bausman/ Approved

Events:

2015 Christmas Tour of Homes wrap up: Meeting was held in early December. Ticket sales brought in \$500.00, meeting discussion included possibly expanding the tour to include Friday evening hours of 4p-8p and Saturday hours of 10a-4p. Next committee meeting will be in June of 2016.

Mayfest: The first committee meeting will be held this afternoon at Campbell Center. The location this year will be at Campbell Center, the location of the car show will be moved to the swimming pool parking lot and a Chamber tent is planned.

Marketing: Will be using Facebook more as well as local newspapers and newsletters, radio and the website.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? The Mapping Committee, Joe Grimm and the city crews for creating the ice rink for wintertime fun.

New Business:

We received a letter from the regional school superintendent requesting a donation to send region kids to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. The board decided not to send a donation to the region. We may consider a donation to the local (West Carroll) district should any child make it to the National Spelling Bee.

March 15th is the election primary. A general membership meeting will be held at the beginning of March and candidates will be invited to speak.

Dan Danielowski from Timber Lake Playhouse attended our meeting to speak about the preliminary results of the survey that was sent out to the general membership.

V.P. Report: There will be a general membership meeting on March 3 location to be determined.

Meeting Adjourned.

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Become a fan of Mount Carroll, Illinois</p> </div> </div>					1 New Year's Day	2
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10	11	12 7:30PM City Council meeting	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p	21	22	23
24 31	25	26 7:30PM City Council meeting	27 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	28	29	30

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February 2016

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"We take the time to care."

Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events

2016

Rummage Through Mount Carroll 2016.....April 22 & 23
Farmer's Market.....May through October
Mayfest.....May 27, 28, & 29
Car Cruise.....June 18
Car Cruise.....July 16
Car Cruise.....August 20
Brick Street Saturday.....To be announced
Car Cruise.....September 17
Pumpkin Fest.....October 22
Shop Small Saturday.....November 26
Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes.....December 3

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2015-2016

Jo-Carroll Energy	Sisler Construction Inc	Bausman Mowing
Sand Prairie Wireless	Tom and Pam Sorg	Carroll County Transit
Business Employment Skills Team, Inc.	West Point Tree Farm	Prairie Path Guest House
John Pokropinski	Land of Oz	Ron Foltz
Catherine Pokropinski	Crouse Plumbing & Heating Inc	Marsha Foltz
Mount Carroll Township Public Library	Massbach Ridge Winery	Carroll County Mirror Democrat
Jim Morel	Henry's Double K LLC	Ashford University
Sherry Morel	Imaginarium Now & Zen Gallery	Midwest Technical Institute
Jerry & Sandy Cornelius	Roberts' Roost Country Guest House	CGH Medical Center
Mary Ann Hutchison	Davis Custom Decorators	MTC CGH Medical Center
Ideas 'n Designs	Red Gate Embroidery	Peter & Laura Smith
Law- Jones Funeral Homes, Inc.	Prairie Advocate	Herrell Electric
Mount Carroll Mobil	Mount Carroll Insurance Agency	Triumph Community Bank
John & Jean Hutchison	Highland Community College	Nancy Tobin
Schneider House Furniture	Sieverts Steak-N-Stuff	Lydia Hutchcraft
Dabluz boutique	DQ Grill n Chill	Ray's Garage
Hotel Glenview	WCCI Radio	H.B. Wilkinson Title Company Inc.
Bella Vintaj	Savanna Thomson State Bank	Kunes Country Auto Group
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency, Inc.	John and Thelma Swiech	Sibyl and Jack Doty
Carol Ingram	Pleasant Valley Construction	
Mount Carroll Home Center	City of Mount Carroll	
Consolidated Grain and Barge Co.	Country Palmer House B&B	
Shaw's Market Place	Moring Disposal, Inc.	
Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll	Charles Electronics, LLC	
David Purlee, DDS	John Bickelhaupt Insurance Agency	
Campbell Center for Historic Preservation	Mount Carroll Café	
Carroll County Senior Services Organization	Pat & Diane Bausman	