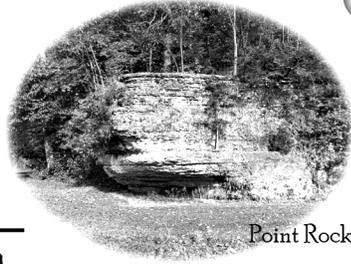


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

July 2016

Membership: 79

Hi everyone

All of a sudden, Mayfest has come and gone. It went well... the weather cooperated, the entertainment was quite good, and attendance was very good. Our Lion's and Rotary clubs, and other nonprofit groups had good success in raising funds to support the many good works they do in our Community, and that is what it is all about. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and support..... and it is on to Brick Street Saturday.

Thanks,

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

September 2, 2016

Location: To be determined

Menu:

Price: \$

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Please RSVP no later than

Tuesday, August 29, 2016

at 5:00PM

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Karen Davis and Red Gate Embroidery for providing space for the Chamber Information Booth at the 2016 Mayfest.

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.

**June Treasurer's Report
Balance as of May 25, 2016**

\$9,102.35

REVENUE

06/03/16 redeposit cash/meeting	\$ 100.00
06/03/16 50/50	\$ 5.00
06/03/16 Membership Meals	\$ 204.00
06/06/16 Farmer's Market	\$ 69.00
06/15/16 Farmer's Market	\$ 90.00
Sub-total	\$ 468.00

EXPENSE

06/02/16 cash/membership meeting	\$ 100.00
06/02/16 Bald Guyz Bistro/membership meeting	\$ 216.00
06/03/16 Mirror Democrat	\$ 155.00
06/06/16 Stephanie Samuels/ILL Farmer's Market Assoc.	\$ 50.00
06/20/16 Sauk Valley Media	\$ 367.80
06/22/16 Laura DeSpain/letters for Chamber sign	\$ 59.99
Catherine Pokropinski/April-June Secretary	\$ 300.00
Sibyl Doty/April-June Treasurer	\$ 300.00
Sub-total	\$ 1,548.79

Fiscal Year End Balance-June 30, 2016

\$8,021.56

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Mayfest Checking Account

\$1,406.77

Unapproved General Membership Meeting Minutes:

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce held a general membership meeting June 2, 2016 at Bald Guyz Coffee & Bistro. Seventeen members were present.

Meeting was called to order by Past President Bob Hatheway. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Swiech and the blessing was led by John Swiech.

Treasurer's report for May 2016 was reviewed. John Hutchison moved to approve, Diane Bausman seconded, and the report was approved. The Secretary's report for May 2016 was reviewed. John Hutchison moved to approve, Sue Simpson seconded and the report was approved.

Events:

Mayfest 2016: Buttons sold on Saturday night - 330, Sunday sales better than last year. Bills are still coming in, so totals are as yet unknown, 135 cars were on display at the car show, 138 runners participated in the 5k run.

Car Cruise: June 18 will be the first one this summer. Diane has all the material for the information booth if we can get someone to volunteer to run it. We also need to sell Duck Pluck tickets

New Business:

2016 -2017 Budget: Lisa Lewis moved to approve, Mary Ann Hutchison seconded and the budget was approved.

Officers & Board: Laura Miller acknowledged the following:

Farmer's Market: Catherine Pokropinski; Mayfest: Larry DeSpain; Brick Street Saturday: Bob Hatheway; Pumpkin Fest: Diane Bausman; Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes: Carol Frey; and although it's not a Chamber event, Len Anderson for his continued hard work with the Car Cruises. Special accolades went to all the Chamber members and volunteers for always being there when they are needed AND to the Mapping Our Future folks for infusing us with new ideas and new energy.

Additionally, the following were thanked: President - Larry DeSpain, Past President - Bob Hatheway, Vice President - still looking for one, Secretary - Catherine Pokropinski, Treasurer - Sibyl Doty, Website Administrator - John Pokropinski, Board Members: Anna Gray, Lisa Lewis, Connie Zink, Jeff Elliott, Amy Sack, Lydia Hutchcraft, Diane Bausman, Carol Frey, John Pokropinski, Laura Miller-DeSpain. Laura entertained a motion to accept these officers and board members for the Chamber year 2016-2017. John Hutchison moved to have the secretary cast a unanimous vote for those candidates, Mary Ann Hutchison seconded and the motion was approved.

Guest Speaker:

Michelle Fossett spoke on the recently held Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs 27th Annual Rural Community Economic Development Conference on March 9 -10 in Springfield. Mount Carroll sent four attendees this year: Doug Sherf, P.J. Ladahoff, Joe Grimm and Michelle Fossett. The conference held sessions on motivating community development and stimulating the economy. More information can be found at Duran Charm: Bringing revitalization to a rural town via the link @ www.iira.org. Michelle also spoke on the Mapping Our Future activities. The Parks and Recreation's ice rink from last winter may lead to a Winter Fest next year. The CDC membership has grown. More youth events are in the works. July 9 will be a 5k to benefit the Mount Carroll Swimming Pool and a 5k Pumpkin Fest Zombie run is in the planning. We need to start planning our Sesquicentennial in 2017.

50/50 winner Diane Bausman \$2.50 (donated back)

Meeting adjourned.

Marketing

Full-on Summer Greetings. Although our General Membership meetings are having a summer break, our Board and many of our Chamber members are busy preparing for Brick Street Saturday, Pumpkin Fest and the Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes. We continue to look for ways to market our community and invite all of our community organizations to share their info on our City/Chamber website. Catherine has begun emailing membership renewal letters/invoices. Our Chamber needs new ideas, new money and new volunteers. Everyone is a Membership advocate. We have a lot of Mount Carroll businesses who aren't members. PLEASE invite them to join us. Don't wait for someone else to do it. YOU are our best advocate. We welcome and encourage everyone to join Chamber: individuals, organizations and businesses. Together we can do more. Our events aren't just Chamber events either. All community organizations and clubs are welcome to participate. The more the merrier. Speaking of participating, we'll have a Chamber table at the next Car Cruise. Please stop by and purchase your Duck Pluck number and peruse the table of information. IF you have an idea for getting more folks involved, I'd love to hear it.

Laura Miller DeSpain
shop@dabluz.com
815-244-4058

See ya soon!

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—June 2016

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting June 29, 2016 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Carol Frey, Jeff Elliott, Amy Sack, Anna Gray and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Larry DeSpain

June Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-Amy Sack/2nd-Jeff Elliott/Approved

May Secretary's Report Moved to approve -Jeff Elliott/2nd-Diane Bausman/Approved

Events:

Mayfest: Mayfest 2016 was successful, but need to raise money for 2017 and budget carefully. Need to recruit more volunteers. May consider having a major fundraiser/gala event.

Car Cruise: No volunteers for the June Car Cruise, so no Chamber tent was present. Volunteers have been scheduled already for the July, August and September cruises.

Brick Street Saturday: Duck Pluck tickets will be sold at the Mount Carroll Pharmacy Center and at the remaining Car Cruises. This year's duck pluck prizes will be 1st (\$100), 2nd (\$75), and 3rd (\$50), all paid in Chamber Bucks.

Marketing: Will continue ads in the Lake Carroll newsletter. Need to get info for marketing from Joe Grimm regarding Brick Street Saturday, then Pumpkin Fest. Facebook has been very successful in sharing and marketing.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? Karen Davis and Red Gate Embroidery for providing space for the Chamber Information Booth at Mayfest.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Membership: With Laura's assistance, Catherine sent out 90 renewal letters/invoices this week. We had 79 members last year.

V.P. Report: There will be a general membership meeting on September 1, 2016 location to be determined.

Meeting Adjourned.

July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p>  <p>Become a fan of Mount Carroll, Illinois</p>					1	2 Art Fair Farmer's Market
3	4 Independence Day	5 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Community Cen- ter 6 PM—Friends of the Library	6	7 Music on the Square 6p-8p	8	9 Farmer's Market
10	11	12 7:30PM City Council meeting	13	14 Music on the Square 6p-8p	15	16 Farmer's Market Car Cruise
17	18	19	20 Open Mike night at the Kraft Building 6p-9p	21 Music on the Square 6p-8p	22	23 Farmer's Market
24 <hr/> 31	25	26 7:30PM City Council meeting	27 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	29 Music on the Square 6p-8p	29	30 Farmer's Market

**Be a member of the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce (renew your membership).
 Dues are \$75 for businesses and \$25.00 for individuals.
 It is NOT necessary to own a business to be a Chamber member.
 Mail to: Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce, 320 N. Main St., Ste 101, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053**

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"We take the time to care."

Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events

2016

Farmer's Market.....May through October
Car Cruise.....July 16
Car Cruise.....August 20
Brick Street Saturday.....August 27
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	Timber Lake Playhouse
Mount Carroll Home Center	City of Mount Carroll	YMCA Camp Benson
Consolidated Grain and Barge Co.	Country Palmer House B&B	Plain Jane Vintage Shops LLC
Shaw's Market Place	Moring Disposal, Inc.	Northwestern Service Co.
Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll	Charles Electronics, LLC	The Inn at Molly's
David Purlee, DDS	John Bickelhaupt Insurance Agency	Bald Guyz Bistro
Campbell Center for Historic Preservation	Mount Carroll Café	
Carroll County Senior Services Organization	Pat & Diane Bausman	