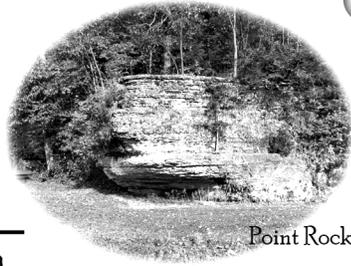


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

June 2015

Membership: 79

Dear Chamber,

Our first big community event has come and gone. Friday night and Saturday were both good days but Sunday was a wash out. We are not sure as to the profitability of this year's Mayfest but a follow up meeting with the Mayfest committee will be scheduled soon to discuss the numbers (good and Bad). Your Chamber has many challenges to overcome before next year's Mayfest. We have to decide where Mayfest will be held next year. Depending on where we move Mayfest determines what kind of challenges we face. We need your help and your input. If you have an idea, we would like to hear it.

Another challenge we face as a small town non-profit organization is our membership decline along with the lack of Chamber Board members. As our lives get busier, the extra activities outside of work begin to suffer. Because of my work schedule I am not able to continue into the new year as Chamber President. Larry DeSpain will be taking my place as President but we still need a willing person to step into the vice president position and we always have room for general chamber board members. These positions do not require experience just a willing attitude to put your God given talents to work for the sole benefit of making Mt. Carroll a better place to live.

My term as president has been fun and rewarding. It is a great organization that can pull together and make things happen in a short amount of time. Thank you to my fellow board members for all your hard work and creative ideas, it has been a pleasure to serve with you.

Bob Hatheway

Board of Directors

Bob Hatheway-President: Shaw's Market
Larry DeSpain-Vice-President: Hotel Glenview
Sibyl Doty-Treasurer:



Catherine Pokropinski-Secretary

Three year Board Members:

Amy Sack:



Two year Board Members:

One year Board Members:

Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount
Carroll

John Pokropinski

Diane Bausman: Blackhawk Waterways CVB

Carol Frey: Land of Oz/Subway

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

Laura Miller-DeSpain-Past President
dabluz boutique

Nancy Tobin-Telephones

John Pokropinski-Website Administrator

Andrew Williamson-Ribbon Cutting Liaison

Chamber General Membership Meeting

June 4, 2015

Oakville Country Club

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Menu: Swiss Steak, Au Gratin Potatoes,
Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Dessert

\$12

Please RSVP by

Monday, June 1, 2015

at 5:00PM

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Officer election and installation. Budget approval.

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Mayfest steering committee, community organizations and all the volunteers for another outstanding Mayfest!

ATTENTION all businesses participating in the chamber bucks program. Please make certain that your business name is written somewhere on the chamber buck turned in to Sibyl Doty so she can make the proper reimbursement.

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.

May Treasurer's Report

Balance as of April 29, 2015

\$8,696.88

REVENUE

05/01/15 Interest to date	\$ 0.48
05/08/15 Cash-redeposit from General Meeting	\$ 150.00
05/08/15 General Membership meals	\$ 216.00
05/08/15 Farmer's Market	\$ 165.00
05/08/15 50/50	\$ 9.00
05/26/15 Farmer's Market	\$ 140.00
Sub-total	\$ 680.48

EXPENSE

05/05/15 Clinton Herald	\$ 32.00
05/05/15 Laura DeSpain	\$ 26.53
05/07/15 Cash-membership meeting	\$ 150.00
05/08/15 Oakville Country Club	\$ 216.00
05/08/15 Sauk Valley Media	\$ 89.30
05/08/15 West Bend Insurance	\$ 309.00
05/08/15 Clinton Herald	\$ 32.00
05/08/15 Pharmacy Center-Chamber Bucks	\$ 20.00
05/22/15 Cash-Wine Garden	\$ 600.00
Sub-total	\$ 1,474.83

Balance as of May 26, 2015

\$7,902.53

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Mayfest Checking Account

\$ 744.27

Mayfest Savings Account

\$ 778.99

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—May 2015

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting May 27, 2015 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Bob Hatheway, Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, Carol Frey, Anna Gray, John Pokropinski and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Bob Hatheway

May Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-John Pokropinski/ 2nd-Carol Frey/ Approved

April Secretary's Report: Moved to approve – Anna Gray/ 2nd-Diane Bausman/ Approved

2015 Events:

Mayfest: recap: Friday was good and Saturday was better, Sunday was rained out. Mayfest for next year will not be held at Campbell Center. A new location is under discussion. Mayfest steering committee will have a debriefing meeting next week.

Car Cruise: A chamber information booth will be present and duck pluck tickets will be sold. Will ask Mapping committee for volunteers.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? The Mayfest steering committee, community organizations and all the volunteers who helped make another successful year.

New Business:

Nomination Committee for officer/board member elections: Bob Hatheway is stepping down as president and Larry DeSpain will step in. Jeff Elliott will be a new board member.

2015-2016 Budget: Larry DeSpain moved to present the 2015-2016 budget as discussed to the general membership on June 4, 2015. Carol Frey seconded the motion and it was approved.

A community meeting to roll out the mapping committee results is scheduled for September 12.

V.P. Report: There will be a general membership meeting on June 4 at Oakville Country Club.

Meeting Adjourned

Marketing

Tis the season for planning and scheming. Our Chamber year comes to a close June 30th. Please renew your memberships as soon as possible to help us continue to organize our events and promote our businesses and community. Every Chamber member is an advocate for membership -- so invite your coworkers and friends to join too. It really does take a village.

Which is why we welcome all of our community organizations to join in on any of our Chamber-sponsored events. Our annual Mayfest is a good example of all of us working together. We can do the same at our smaller events, too. IF your organization is looking for an event to have a fundraiser, look no further than: Brick Street Saturday, Pumpkin Fest and Christmas Walk. In addition to organizations using our events for their own fundraisers, we welcome input from our whole community. Input meaning not just ideas but involvement.

Thank you for all you do to help Chamber help our community. Every dollar spent here in Mount Carroll matters.

Chat at me if you'd like to visit further.

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

Just a minute...

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce held a general membership meeting May 7, 2015 at Oakville Country Club. Sixteen members were present.

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Hatheway. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Hatheway and the blessing was given by Carol Frey.

Treasurer's reports for February - March 2015 were reviewed. Larry DeSpain moved to approve, Jeff Elliott seconded, and the reports were approved. The Secretary's report for February 2015 was reviewed. Larry DeSpain moved to approve, Jeff Elliott seconded and the report was approved.

Events Update:

Mayfest (May 22-24, 2015) All things coming together, volunteers are still needed for Id checking, button sales and wine tent. Sign up sheets are available. Location for next year's Mayfest is currently under discussion.

New Business:

Gary Foltz from Triumph Community Bank spoke on ways to identify counterfeit bills. Two Counterfeit Tri-Test machines were given as door prizes. Jill Bess and John Swiech were the lucky winners.

Shane Brown from CGH Medical Center announced the opening of their new CGH Mt. Carroll Medical Center in downtown Mount Carroll due to open this year.

John Swiech spoke on the Mapping committee progress. Their motto is "Mount up, Mount Carroll".

2015-2016 Board nominations are being sought. Laura Miller-DeSpain, Carol Frey and Anna Gray are on the nominations committee.

50/50 winner John Pokropinski - \$4.50 (donated back).

Meeting adjourned.

The Cat's Meow collectibles
are now being sold for
\$10.00 each!
Get yours now
while supplies last.

June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library	3	4 Chamber General Membership meet- ing	5	6 Farmer's Market
7	8	9 7:30PM City Council meeting	10	11	12	13 Farmer's Market
14	15	16	17 Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p	18	19	20 Farmer's Market Car Cruise
21	22	23 7:30PM City Council meeting	24 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	25	26	27 Farmer's Market
28	29	30	<p align="center">Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; 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>			

**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

2015

Farmer's Market.....May 2 through October 24
Car Cruise.....June 20
Car Cruise.....July 18
Car Cruise.....August 15
Brick Street Saturday.....September 5
Car Cruise.....September 19
Pumpkin Fest.....October 24
Christmas Walk.....December 5

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2014-2015

Jo-Carroll Energy	Nancy Tobin	Doty's Collision Center
Sand Prairie Wireless	Charles Electronics, LLC	Imaginarium Now & Zen Gallery
YMCA Camp Benson	Law-Jones Funeral Home	Carrie Prowant – Thirty – One
John Pokropinski	West Point Tree Farm	Ashford University
Catherine Pokropinski	John & Thelma Swiech	Carroll County Mirror Democrat
Diane Bausman	Mount Carroll Mobil	Carpenter's Corner
Bausman Mowing	Wylma Colehour	Crouse Plumbing & Heating
Jerry & Sandy Cornelius	Ron Foltz	Elizabeth McMillan
Pleasant Valley Construction	Marsha Foltz	Mount Carroll Bowling Center
Hotel Glenview	John Hutchison	Sisler Construction
dabluz boutique	Jean Hutchison	Dairy Queen
Land of Oz/Subway	Tom & Pam Sorg	WCCI
James Morel	Prairie Path Guest House	Pete and Laura Smith
Sherry Morel	Schneider House Furniture	City of Mount Carroll
Mount Carroll Home Center	Kunes Country Auto Group	Moring Disposal
Mary Ann Hutchison	Red Gate Embroidery	Mount Carroll Banking Center
Carroll County Senior Services	Davis Custom Decorators	Oakville Country Club
Shaw's Marketplace	John Bickelhaupt Insurance Agency	Mike & Deanna Doty
Carol Ingram	Highland Community College	Heritage Market
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency Inc.	Timberlake Playhouse	Molly's Kitchen and Bar
Ideas 'n Designs	FHN-Freeport Health Network	Driftless Area Stillroom
Triumph Community Bank	Mount Carroll Insurance Agency	Mount Carroll Pharmacy Center
Consolidated Grain & Barge	Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll	Prairie Advocate
Henry's Double K	Dr. David Purlee	Massbach Ridge Winery
Herrell Electric	Sievert's Steaks-N-Stuff	Roberts' Roost Country Guest House
Mount Carroll Township Public Library	Country Palmer House B&B	
Campbell Center for Historic Preservation	Mount Carroll Cafe	