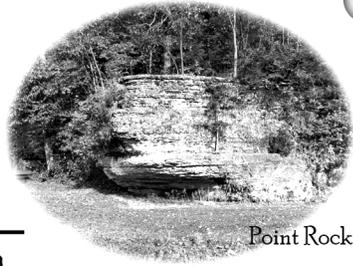


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Point Rock

Chamber Pot

August 2016

Membership: 35

Hi everyone

Darn, hard to believe the end of summer is almost here. Our next event is Brick St Saturday, Sat Aug 27th. Joe Grim has stepped up and has put together what looks like a very fun day. I hope you will all be able to join in the fun.... By the way, he could use a bit of help, so if you can in any way find some time to help out, give me a call and we'll point you in the right direction. See you there.

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 1, 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 the Mount Carroll Firemen for another outstanding Fourth of July display and to all those who donated to this year's fund.

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.

July Treasurer's Report

BALANCE AS OF June 30, 2016 \$8,022.03

REVENUE

7/8/2016 Farmer's Market	\$62.00
7/8/2016 Dues	\$80.00
7/12/2016 Dues	\$405.00
7/18/2016 Dues	\$762.50
Sub-Total	<u>\$1,309.50</u>

EXPENSES

7/1/2016 Mt. Carroll Fire Department	\$100.00
7/12/2016 Sauk Valley Media	\$37.80
Sub-Total	<u>\$137.80</u>

Balance as of July 18, 2016 \$9,193.73

TOTAL \$9,193.73

Mayfest Checking Account \$555.91

Mayfest Savings Account

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

Greetings!

Well it's a hot one -- like 7 inches from the midday sun. Do songs jump into your head with just the slightest encouragement? I have digressed (for a change). Joe Grim and Michele Fossett are organizing a fun-filled Brick Street Saturday. Brick Street Saturday is a great time to hold a sidewalk sale!!! Reminder: this event has been moved. It will be August 27th. Invite your friends. Invite your neighbors. Keep watching. We'll have a full timeline on our website, as well as in both the Prairie Advocate and Mirror Democrat. We will also be running ads in the Lake Carroll News and on WCCI, as well as slathering our town with fliers and sharing sharing on Facebook -- please share ALL of our Facebook posts. And if you can volunteer in the Chamber Info tent, or with any of the activities, please let me or Joe Grim know. You can reach them at: aldermanjgrim@yahoo.com and my contact info is at the end. Yes. There will be an end.

Our Farmers Market has filled Market Street every Saturday with produce, baked goods, florals & crafts. PLEASE support these entrepreneurs. The market runs every Saturday thru October from 8 to Noon.

We hope you got a chance to listen to the Music on the Square on Thursdays during June & July. Thank you Will & PJ for your hard work, and thank you to the musicians for making our square a fun place to hang out. Maybe if we sweet talk them, we can get it to run longer next summer. A girl can dream.

Soon we'll be planning our Pumpkin Fest on Saturday, October 22. IF you'd like to be on the planning committee OR if you can help in the Chamber Info tent or with any of the activities, please let Diane Bausman know at dbausman@bwcvb.com.

I've contacted American Express, asking them to let us be a Community Sponsor for Shop Small Saturday -- November 26th. I have an idea I'll be sharing at our general meeting in September. Stay tuned but stop holding your breath. It's exciting but not worth passing out over.

Our Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes needs some help too! Thank you Carol Frey for chairing this fine tradition. IF you have a home to be considered for the Tour, please let Carol know ASAP. You can email her at landofoz@grics.net. Of course, we also welcome help with the activities too.

The last quarter of the year eats up a lot of our Chamber marketing budget. All the more reason to post fliers and share share share.

We're all in this together -- cause it really does take a village.

Need me?

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

Bye for now -- see ya soon!

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—June 2016

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting July 20, 2016 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Carol Frey, Jeff Elliott, Amy Sack, Anna Gray, Connie Zink, John Pokropinski, Lydia Hutchcraft, Joe Grimm and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Larry DeSpain

July Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-Jeff Elliott/2nd-Lydia Hutchcraft/Approved

June Secretary's Report Moved to approve -Anna Gray/2nd-Lydia Hutchcraft/Approved

Events:

Brick Street Saturday: Update given by Joe Grimm. Plans include a full day of activities. Amy is helping with the flyer and information is on the website. Duck Pluck tickets will be sold at the Mount Carroll Pharmacy Center and at the remaining Car Cruises. Forty three have been sold so far.

Marketing: Will be doing ads for Brick Street Saturday and for the Duck Pluck. Planning for Pumpkin Fest and Tour of Homes.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? The Mount Carroll Firemen for another outstanding Fourth of July display and to all those who donated to this year's fund.

Old Business:

Mayfest follow up-Still waiting for vendor income and just received another bill for the portable toilets.

New Business:

Connie Zink announced this will be her last board meeting and she is resigning her position as board member.

Larry has spoken with Will Mueller who has expressed interest in becoming our Chamber Vice President. An election will be held at the September general membership meeting.

The planning committee for the Sesquicentennial next year has approached the Chamber board to have the 2017 Christmas ornament depict something that celebrates our 150th year. Laura will notify JoAnn Palmer and discuss the issue with her.

The Carroll County Country Christmas group (formerly called the Shop Hop) has asked for a donation again this year. Fifty dollars will be given to them.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Community Cen- ter 6 PM—Friends of the Library	3	4	5	6 Art Fair 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 the Kraft Building 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 Brick Street Saturday
28	29	30	31	<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>		

**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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Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events

2016

Farmer’s Market.....May through October
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 2016-2017

Jo-Carroll Energy	DQ Grill n Chill	
Sand Prairie Wireless	WCCI Radio	
Business Employment Skills Team, Inc.	West Point Tree Farm	
John Pokropinski	Land of Oz	
Catherine Pokropinski	Sieverts Steak-N-Stuff	
Doty’s Collision Center	Massbach Ridge Winery	
Jim & Sherry Morel	Henry’s Double K LLC	
Jerry Cornelius	Beck’s Seed Dealer	
Sandy Cornelius		
Mary Ann Hutchison		
Ideas ‘n Designs		
Carroll County Mirror Democrat		
Mount Carroll Mobil		
John & Jean Hutchison		
Prairie Path Guest House		
Dabluz boutique		
Hotel Glenview		
Triumph Community Bank		
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency, Inc.		
Carol Ingram		
Mount Carroll Home Center		
Consolidated Grain and Barge Co.		
Plain Jane Vintage Shops LLC		
Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll		
The Inn at Molly’s		
Bald Guyz Bistro		
Charles Electronics, LLC		