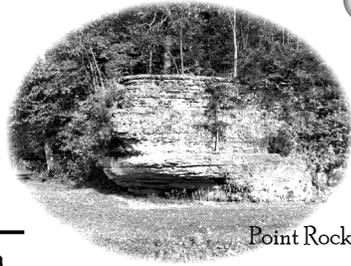


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

July 2015

Membership: 18

Hi everyone

About 3 years ago, I was asked by someone in the Chamber if I would take a seat on the board, as they simply needed someone to fill a spot. A year or so after that, I was asked to fill the Vice President seat 'cause they needed to fill a spot. Then I learned that the Vice Pres automatically steps into the seat as President. Soooo, here I am.

There are some good things happening in our community, and in the area in general, as it is being 'discovered' as a great place to be, and a great place to raise a family.

Something that we do need more of however, is 'involvement' by more people. With that in mind, I will be doing a couple of things.....

- 1) I will be doing more asking for your help in our activities and events.
- 2) working to 'partner' with the Mapping groups who seem to have captured a good deal of involvement and enthusiasm from many newer and younger members of our community.

It takes a village.
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

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

Bob Hatheway-Past President Shaw's Market
Place

Nancy Tobin-Telephones

John Pokropinski-Website Administrator

Andrew Williamson-Ribbon Cutting Liaison

Chamber General Membership Meeting

September 3, 2015

Location TBD

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Menu: **Please RSVP by**

Monday, June 1, 2015

at 5:00PM

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Bob Hatheway for his dedication to serving on the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for six years.

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.

June Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 5/29/15

\$ 7,902.53

REVENUE

06/01/15 Interest for May	\$ 0.20
06/09/15 wine coolers	\$ 30.00
06/09/15 ornaments	\$ 30.00
06/09/15 cashed check at Wine Garden/Kass Boyd	\$ 20.00
06/09/15 Membership Meals	\$ 204.00
06/09/15 redeposit cash/membership meeting	\$ 125.00
06/09/15 50/50	\$ 16.00
06/09/15 Raffle	\$ 78.00
06/09/15 Raffle/redeposit starting cash	\$ 100.00
06/23/15 Dues	\$ 75.00
06/23/15 ornaments	\$ 30.00
06/23/15 Artisan Market	\$ 50.00
06/24/15 dues	\$ 75.00
06/24/15 Farmer's Market	\$ 75.00
06/27/15 Dues	\$ 562.50
06/27/15 donation	\$ 25.00
Sub-total	\$ 1,495.70

EXPENSE

06/04/15 Cash-membership meeting	\$ 125.00
06/04/15 Oakville Co. Club-membership meals	\$ 204.00
06/17/15 Shaw's-chamber bucks	\$ 50.00
06/19/15 Duck Pluck/starting cash	\$ 100.00
06/23/15 Mirror Democrat	\$ 30.00
06/23/15 Sauk Valley Media	\$ 352.80
06/23/15 Catherine Pokropinski-Sec/April-June	\$ 300.00
06/23/15 Sibyl Doty-Treas/April- June	\$ 300.00
Sub-total	\$ 1,461.80

Fiscal Year End Balance-June 30, 2015

\$ 7,936.43

Projects Account

\$ 7,936.43

Mayfest Checking Account

\$ 1,027.90

Mayfest Savings Account

\$ 778.99

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—June 2015

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting June 24, 2015 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, Anna Gray, Amy Sack, Connie Zink, Jeff Elliott, John Pokropinski and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Larry DeSpain

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

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

2015 Events:

Mayfest: Follow up is needed for food vendors who still owe money and some bills are still expected to come. Campbell Center will notify us by August 1 if we can have next year's Mayfest there.

Duck Pluck: The City Council has approved our request for raffle. Anna and John will set up the Chamber tent and sell Duck Pluck tickets (\$5.00 each) at the next Car Cruise, July 18.

Car Cruise: The Chamber tent did not get set up for the June Car Cruise due to rain.

Christmas Walk/Tour of Homes: Carol Frey volunteered to coordinate the Tour of Homes and Bev Lundquist will coordinate the new "A Collectible Christmas".

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? Bob Hatheway for his dedication to serving on the Chamber board for six years.

New Business:

Membership drive: 97 membership letter and invoices mailed out.

Mapping Committee: Larry will contact John Swiech, Terrie Miller, and John Hutchison for some historical information on the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce. He will be speaking on behalf of the Chamber at the next Mapping meeting (June 25).

August is Kunes Country's grand reopening with a big celebration scheduled for 8/29. Jeff will send information to John to post on the web-site.

AUSP Thomson will hold a Job Fair to recruit new Correctional Officers on Tuesday, July 7th, from noon to 6:00 p.m. The event will be held at the institution, 1100 One Mile Rd., Thomson, IL.

Connie Zink is coordinating a Barn Quilt Tour for Carroll County and is looking for interest from the Mount Carroll downtown businesses. A 4 hour barn quilt class will be offered in June of 2016 at Naaman-Diehl

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

Meeting Adjourned

Marketing

Speaking as the Events & Marketing Coordinator, I am looking forward to collaborating with the Mapping Our Future committees. In conjunction with our annual membership drive, I will be inviting them to join us as well. Together, we can, do and will make a difference.

All of us are ambassadors for Chamber. When you're visiting with your neighbors, friends and business peers, how about asking if they'd consider joining?

Be sure to check your business listing on our website page at: www.mtcarrollil.org and let John know if any changes/updates are needed. While you're online, take a peek at our Facebook pages too. We have lots of them. Invite your friends to "like" them too. IF you have trouble finding them, send me an email or friend request me.

In the meantime, enjoy your summer!

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

Just a minute...(unapproved)

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce held a general membership meeting June 4, 2015 at Oakville Country Club. Fifteen members were present.

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Hatheway. The Pledge of Allegiance and blessing were led by Bob Hatheway.

Treasurer's report for May 2015 was reviewed. Len Anderson moved to approve, Jeff Elliott seconded, and the report was approved. The Secretary's report for May 2015 was reviewed. John Pokropinski moved to approve, Larry DeSpain seconded and the report was approved.

Events Update:

Mayfest: Friday night, Saturday (all day) and Sunday during the day were well attended. Sunday night was rained out. The location for next year's Mayfest is still uncertain as Campbell Center is still considering. The financial report will be completed next month when all receipts and bills will be in. A hearty round of applause was given to Larry DeSpain for leading another successful event.

Car Cruise: Volunteers needed to run the Chamber information booth and sell Duck Pluck tickets. Carol Frey volunteered for the first one, Jean Hutchison said she would help.

New Business:

2015-2016 Officer elections and installation:

President: Larry DeSpain

Treasurer: Sibyl Doty

Secretary: Catherine Pokropinski

Two new board members: Jeff Elliott and Connie Zink

Past President: Bob Hatheway

No Vice-President

Motion to cast anonymous ballot to accept board of directors was made by John Hutchison and seconded by JoAnn Palmer. Motion carried and approved.

2015-2016 Budget: Motion to approve made by John Hutchison and seconded by Jeff Elliott. Motion carried and approved. JoAnn Palmer announced the new 2015 Christmas Ornaments are in and on sale at Land of Oz, Carroll County Mirror-Democrat and Market Street Commons. Ivey Monuments is depicted on a purple globe.

Len Anderson reminded everyone of the Car Cruises. Also, on June 18, the National Model T Speedster Club will be driving through Mount Carroll on their way to Poopy's for lunch. They will stop briefly for a rare photo opportunity.

The Thomas Booth painting raffle winner was drawn and Doug Bergren was the winner. A total of \$87.00 was made from ticket sales.

50/50 winner Linda Anderson - \$4.50

**DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN
YOUR
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

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

July 2015

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	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Farmer's Market
5	6	7 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library	8	9	10	11 Farmer's Market
12	13	14 7:30 PM City Council meeting	15 Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p	16	17	18 Farmer's Market Car Cruise
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Farmer's Market
26	27	28 7:30 PM City Council meeting	29 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	30	31	

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

