

Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

March 2016

Membership: 75

Hi everyone,

Suddenly it is Springtime and we are getting quite busy. Work on Mayfest is well under way. It will be at the Campbell Center again. A big change this year is that, for insurance reasons, the Rotary will be In charge of the wine garden as well as the beer garden. We'll still need plenty of volunteer help, though.

We are looking forward to hear for the candidates for Circuit Clerk and from Mr Mathers at our general membership mtg next week. I hope to see many of you there as well.

Until then, hope all is well.
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: Henry's Double K

Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes,
vegetable, salad bar

Price: \$12.00

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 Oakville Country Club and the Woodside's for all their years of promoting Mount Carroll and it's community events.

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.

February Treasurer's Report

Balance as of January 29, 2016

\$10,359.54

REVENUE

01/29/16	January Interest	\$	0.25
02/05/16	Cat's Meow	\$	10.00
02/10/16	Dues	\$	150.00
02/10/16	Donation	\$	115.60
02/23/16	Dues	\$	75.00
	Sub-Total	\$	350.85

EXPENSE

02/05/16	Pharmacy Center-chamber bucks	\$	40.00
02/17/16	Sauk Valley Media	\$	37.80
02/23/16	Carroll Co. Hotel Motel Tax Board	\$	150.00
	Sub-Total	\$	227.80

Balance as of February 23, 2016

\$10,482.59

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Mayfest Checking Account

\$ 2,474.83

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

Greetings and salutations. According to Punxsutawney Phil, Spring is on the way! I'm excited (and grateful) to announce that the Rummage thru Mount Carroll sign-ups will take place at the Triumph Community Bank (downtown Mount Carroll) beginning March 15. The cost to sign up will still be only \$6. We will print a list of sales for distribution at Shaw's Market Place, Land of Oz and the Triumph Community Bank. In addition, the list will be available on our website for printing. We don't create the map any longer. Many people have GPS on their phones and most sales are well signed and we're a small town. Our website administrator does link all the addresses to Google maps online. I'm hoping that we can get 100 folks to sign up. We will use that money to create posters and advertise in various newspapers. A pretty good return for a \$6 investment. The Chamber will not be hosting their own sale this year. So go through that "stuff" and get your sale on the list! Rummage thru Mount Carroll is April 22 & 23.

Mayfest is well underway and a few vendors have already signed up. We increased the fee to \$45 this year to help with the expense of advertising. Mayfest spends a lot of money promoting this event. IF you would like to have a tent for your arts and/or crafts or home business, the Mayfest application is on our website. Or call me if you have any questions. Speaking of Mayfest, we're going to have a Chamber Tent and welcome all community organizations to participate. Chat at me (or you can rest assured I'll be chatting at you) IF you'd like to promote your organization during Mayfest.

We continue to advertise our events and promotions as needed. We have several pages on Facebook, where we share all of our events, community happenings (as they pop up in our feed), etc. etc. etc. Please "like" us on Facebook and share, share, share.

We will be working with Mapping Our Future on a new events list for distribution at Farmers Market, Mayfest, Car Cruises, etc. etc. etc.

That's it for now. Carry on. See you soon.

Laura Miller DeSpain
dabluz boutique
815-244-4058

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—February 2016

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting February 24, 2016 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Anna Gray, Amy Sack, Carol Frey, Lydia Hutchcraft, Jeff Elliott, Lisa Lewis, Connie Zink and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Larry DeSpain

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

December/January Secretary's Report: Moved to approve-Lydia Hutchcraft/2nd-Jeff Elliott/Approved

Events:

Mayfest: Larry reported on a Mayfest wine/beer garden committee meeting. The past couple of years, we were able to "partner" with Rotary and be covered under their national insurance. Earlier this year, however, our local Rotary received information that they could no longer partner with another organization and be covered under the national insurance. Determination was made that the Chamber could either handle everything about the wine garden itself OR the local Rotary could take over the wine garden (including the beer garden), we would help them as workers/volunteers and receive 10% of the gross sales (as donation to Mayfest). Given this latest information, the Chamber board had a discussion and a motion was made by Jeff Elliott and seconded by Diane Bausman to not sponsor the Mayfest Chamber wine garden for 2016. The motion was unanimously approved. The chamber will have an information tent and will also run the 50/50 for Mayfest Sunday.

Rummage Through Mount Carroll: Advertising is being done on facebook pages.

Marketing: Will be partnering with CDC and the Mapping committee to develop a printed version of community events.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? This month Oakville Country Club and the Woodside's for all their years of promoting Mount Carroll and it's community events. Next month Triumph Community Bank for all their support in the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce and their activities.

New Business:

Olivia Charles won the regional spelling bee and will be going to the National bee in Washington, DC. As discussed at last month's board meeting, motion was made by Diane Bausman and seconded by Jeff Elliott to donate \$100.00 to assist Olivia in her travel to the National Bee. The motion was unanimously approved.

Alex Veith contacted us to suggest the Wachtel Building for the 2016 Christmas ornament. This suggestion will be referred to JoAnn Palmer. The Department of Corrections and the Community Relations Board is having another informational meeting on Thursday, March 3. Larry will attend to get a feeling of how things are progressing on hiring and staffing the Thomson prison. Mount Carroll may consider holding its own community open house to promote local organizations, real estate, restaurants, housing and businesses for potential newcomers to the area.

The West Carroll School Board Community Relations Committee is asking the Mount Carroll, Savanna and Thomson Chambers of Commerce to host some type of event to welcome back and welcome new teachers and staff. Larry will contact the other chambers as well as the School Board Community Relations Committee for more information before we make any decision.

Timber Lake Playhouse is hosting a Las Vegas night fundraiser at Rafter's restaurant in Lena on April 2nd.

V.P. Report: There will be a general membership meeting on March 3 at Henry's Double K. The menu will be roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable and salad bar for \$12.00 (tax and tip included). Local candidates will be guest speakers. There will be a general membership meeting on April 7, Dan Danielowski from Timber Lake Playhouse will be the guest speaker and the location will be announced. Anna Gray has agreed to be the coordinator responsible for finding locations for our general membership meetings.

Meeting Adjourned.

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Community Cen- ter 6 PM—Friends of the Library	2	3 Chamber General Membership Meet- ing Henry's Double K 6pm	4	5
6	7	8 7:30PM City Council meeting	9	10	11	12
13 Mount Carroll Fire Depart- ment 4th An- nual Pancake Breakfast	14	15	16 Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p	17	18	19
20	21	22 7:30PM City Council meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	31	<p>Visit the Community Cal- endar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p>  <p>Become a fan of Mount Car- roll, Illinois</p>	

**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

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	Timber Lake Playhouse
Mount Carroll Home Center	City of Mount Carroll	YMCA Camp Benson
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	