

# Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



## Chamber Pot

March 2017

Membership: 69

Hello Mount Carroll friends and residents!

As I sit and drink my coffee this morning I'm looking at a list of the events our Chamber has planned for this year, and I can't help but get excited! We've got a great series of activities for our residents and visitors to enjoy. Plus, with it being our Sesquicentennial year, everyone is putting extra effort to guarantee a memorable year of celebration!

If you, or someone you know would like to get involved with ideas, planning, or participation for any of our events, please contact us. We can always use more volunteers, so come be part of the team -and part of the fun!

Have a great month!

Will Mueller

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## Board of Directors

Will Mueller-President:  
Steve Behrens-Vice President

Sibyl Doty-Treasurer:



Catherine Pokropinski-Secretary

Board Members:

Amy Schneider



Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount  
Carroll

John Pokropinski

Diane Bausman: Blackhawk Waterways CVB

Carol Frey: Land of Oz/Subway

Jeff Elliott: Kunes Country

Lisa Lewis

Marketing & Events Coordinator: Michelle Fos-  
sett

Bob Hatheway-Past President Shaw's Market  
Place

John Pokropinski-Website Administrator

Andrew Williamson-Ribbon Cutting Liaison

Hello everyone, recently I attended a meeting put on by

the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council, presenting

the current status of IFiber. It seems they are now allowing

business's to connect to the fiber infrastructure

for high speed internet services. If anyone is interested

in learning more about IFiber or would like more information,

let me know by sending email to me at [admin@mtcarrollil.org](mailto:admin@mtcarrollil.org).

John Pokropinski

### Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Fred Paschke of the Mount Carroll Home Center for allowing the Chamber the use of his property for the mobile sign and for his overall support of Mount Carroll.

**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 31, 2017 \$9,196.12

	<u>REVENUE</u>
02/06/17 Dues-JoCarroll	\$ 190.60
02/06/17 Christmas Home Tours	\$ 30.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 220.60</b>

	<u>EXPENSE</u>
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Balance as of 2/17/17 \$9,416.72

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Mayfest Checking Account \$ 233.29

Unapproved General Membership Meeting Minutes:

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce held a general membership meeting February 7, 2017 at Henry's Double K. Eighteen members were present.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Will Mueller. The Pledge of Allegiance and the blessing were led by Will Mueller.

Treasurer's reports for December 2016 and January 2017 were reviewed. Diane Bausman moved to approve, Michelle Fossett seconded, and the reports were approved. The Secretary's report for December 2016 was reviewed. Lisa Lewis moved to approve, Amy Schneider seconded and the report was approved.

**Events:**

Sesquicentennial: Proclamation Day is February 14 at the City Council meeting. Commemorative magnets are available at City Hall. Year-long activities are planned.

Music on the Square Winter Series: Runs from January 26 to March 16 at Chris Rogers' Riverview Antiques, Will Mueller coordinator.

Rummage through Mount Carroll: Scheduled for April 28 & 29, Diane Bausman coordinator will have a Facebook page and is encouraging local eating establishments to participate in a "grab & go" meal for garage salers.

Farmer's Market: Stephanie Samuels, market manager, looking to build up vendor base.

Mayfest: May 26-28, Bob Watson is heading the committee this year. They are in need of volunteers and supporters. Entertainment is booked and the stage has been contracted.

**New Business:**

Chamber Elections:  
 President: Will Mueller, candidate  
 Vice President: Steve Behrens, candidate  
 Marketing Director and Event Coordinator: Michelle Fossett, candidate

Catherine entertained a motion to have the secretary cast a unanimous vote for Will Mueller as president, Steve Behrens as vice president and Michelle Fossett as marketing director and event coordinator. Motion was made by Mary Ann Hutchison and seconded by John Lundquist. Motion carried and approved.

Diane Bausman announced that the new visitors guide will be out soon and that she need high resolution photography of events and festivals.

No 50/50 was held.

Meeting adjourned.

**Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—December 2016 & January 2017**

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting February 22, 2017 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Will Mueller, Anna Gray, John Pokropinski, Diane Bausman, Amy Schneider, Carol Frey, Jeff Elliott, Bob Watson and Catherine Pokropinski.

**Call to order:** Will Mueller

**February 2017 Treasurer's Report:** Moved to approve-Diane Bausman/2<sup>nd</sup>-Jeff Elliott/Approved

**December 2016/January 2017 Secretary's Report:** Moved to approve -Anna Gray/2<sup>nd</sup>-Amy Schneider/Approved

**Events:** (Updates)

Mount Carroll Sesquicentennial: No Update

Rummage Through Mount Carroll: April 28-29. Diane Bausman coordinator. Ad will be posted on Facebook, charge will be \$5.00, sign up will be at Triumph Community Bank, mobile garage sale will be held in the parking lot of Land of Oz.

Farmer's Market: Stephanie Samuels will manage the market again this year. She and Heather Houzenga will be raising money for the musicians.

Mayfest: Sibyl reported that Laura Smith has given Teri Timm the past information on the Mayfest Run/Walk. Bob Watson reported that there is a slight positive balance in the Mayfest account but not to worry, things will balance out. The committee has cut back on entertainment a little and have booked all acts. They need committee members and volunteers as well as donors. Letters will be sent shortly. Heather Houzenga has taken responsibility for the vendors. Many other "to do" items are falling into place. Information will be posted on Facebook by Will. Meetings will be announced via email blasts.

Brick Street Saturday: August 26 Will to verify that Michelle Fossett and Joe Grimm will coordinate.

Pumpkin Fest: No Update.

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes: December 1 & 2 Carol reported that there are already two homes on the list.

**Newsletter Items:** Thanks to Fred Paschke for his continued use of his property for our mobile sign and his overall support of Mount Carroll.

**New Business:**

Will Mueller asked some questions to help him get a better understanding of the needs, goals and workings of the Chamber.

What is the Chamber's status as a Non-Profit? The Articles of Incorporation we have from the State, doesn't have a number, it just says General Not for Profit. We are not a 501C we are just a nonprofit and we are not tax exempt.

Review avenues we currently use for fund raising:

New Members & Membership renewals (when do we pro-rate?): Renewals are not prorated. New memberships are prorated if they join after the start of our fiscal year.

Christmas tree ornaments costs/profits: Information from the 2015-2016 budget report shows a net loss of -\$155.00.

More discussion needs to take place at the next board meeting. JoAnn Palmer will be asked to join the meeting.

What needs to be done to get more members to attend General meeting? Programs, popular speakers, new places to see/visit.

John announced that he attended the Blackhawk Hills ifiber meeting in Lanark. They are looking for businesses to start using it more. He will post the information on the website and in the newsletter.

Anna announced that Rotary is having a "Denim and Diamonds" Dinner Dance at Henry's Double K on April 1st. Auctions for gourmet desserts (proceeds to benefit Rotary) and Live/Silent auction items (Dan Danielowski, auctioneer) will benefit the Senior Center.

**V.P. Report:** The next general membership meeting will be announced.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Visit the Community Calendar online at <a href="http://www.mtcarrollil.org">www.mtcarrollil.org</a></b></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>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 8 AM—CDC General Board mtg at the Community Center 6 PM—Friends of the Library	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	30	31	
		7:30PM City Council meeting	Five minutes of fame Open mic night at the Kraft building	Wintertime Music on the Square 6:30pm Riverview Antiques	Wintertime Music on the Square 6:30pm Riverview Antiques	
		7:30PM City Council meeting				

**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 2017

Mount Carroll Sesquicentennial.....Year long  
Music on the Square Winter series... ..Th. Eves January  
26 to March 16  
Rummage Through Mount Carroll.....April 28 & 29  
Farmer's Market.....To be announced  
Mayfest.....May 26-28  
Cruise to Mount Carroll cruise nights.....June 17  
July 15  
August 19  
September 16  
Music on the Square Summer series.....To be announced  
Brick Street Saturday.....August 26  
Pumpkin Fest.....October 28  
Shop Small Saturday.....November 25  
Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes.....December 1 & 2

## Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2016-2017

Jo-Carroll Energy	DQ Grill n Chill	Pleasant Valley Construction
Sand Prairie Wireless	WCCI Radio	Highland Community College
Business Employment Skills Team, Inc.	West Point Tree Farm	Int'l Preservation Studies Center
John Pokropinski	Land of Oz	City of Mount Carroll
Catherine Pokropinski	Sieverts Steak-N-Stuff	FHN-Mount Carroll
Doty's Collision Center	Massbach Ridge Winery	HB Wilkinson
Jim & Sherry Morel	Henry's Double K LLC	Molly's Kitchen & Bar
Jerry Cornelius	Beck's Seed Dealer	J3Timing
Sandy Cornelius	Savanna-Thomson State Bank	John & Thelma Swiech
Mary Ann Hutchison	Nancy Woodside	Ray's Garage
Ideas 'n Designs	Country Palmer House B&B	All Out Country
Carroll County Mirror Democrat	Moring Disposal	Steve Behrens
Mount Carroll Mobil	Ron Foltz	Charlie's II
John & Jean Hutchison	Marsha Foltz	Michelle Fossett
Prairie Path Guest House & Sampler	Crouse Plumbing & Heating Inc.	Just My Style
Dabluz boutique	YMCA Camp Benson	
Hotel Glenview	Newover LLC	
Triumph Community Bank	Pete & Laura Smith	
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency, Inc.	Shaw's Market Place	
Carol Ingram	321 Read	
Mount Carroll Home Center	Law-Jones Funeral Home	
Consolidated Grain and Barge Co.	CGH Mount Carroll Medical Center	
Plain Jane Vintage Shops LLC	Pat & Diane Bausman	
Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll	Bausman Mowing	
The Inn at Molly's	Red Gate Embroidery	
Bald Guyz Bistro	Schneider House Furniture	
Charles Electronics, LLC	Northwestern Services Inc	