

Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

May 2016

Membership: 78

Hi everyone

My note this month is all about Mayfest... I wrote a letter to the editor, the gist of which is that we need help from members of the community, in terms of volunteer time for this year, volunteer time for working with the committee to make Mayfest a continuing wonderful event in future years, and of course financial help. Please take a moment to think about what a wonderful event has been for our community, and what you can do to help see that it continues as a wonderful event for many years.

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

May 5, 2016

Location: YMCA Camp Benson

Menu: Chicken Parmesan over pasta, Green Beans,
Salad Bar, Cake

Price: \$12.00

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Please RSVP no later than

Monday, May 2, 2016

at 5:00PM

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank
Stephanie Samuels for taking on the managing of Farmer's
Market.

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.

April Treasurer's Report

Balance as of March 31, 2016 **\$9,395.09**

	<u>REVENUE</u>	
4/12/16 Redeposit Cash - membership mtg	\$ 125.00	
4/12/16 50/50	\$ 12.00	
4/12/16 Membership Meals (Chamber paid for speaker)	\$ 204.00	
4/20/16 Garage Sales	\$ 151.00	
Sub-total	\$ 492.00	
		<u>EXPENSE</u>
4/1/16 Cash-Membership Meal		\$ 125.00
4/7/16 Henry's Double K-Membership Meals		\$ 216.00
4/18/16 Sauk Valley Media-LCN		\$ 37.80
		\$ 378.80
 Balance as of April 25, 2016		 \$9,508.29
 Mayfest Checking Account		 \$6,715.48
Mayfest Savings Account		\$ 779.79

Unapproved General Membership Meeting Minutes:

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce held a general membership meeting April 7, 2016 at Henry's Double K. Fifteen 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 John Swiech.

Treasurer's report for March 2016 was reviewed. Jeff Elliott moved to approve, Carol Frey seconded, and the report was approved. The Secretary's report for March 2016 was reviewed. Diane Bausman moved to approve, Anna Gray seconded and the report was approved.

Events:

Mayfest 2016: In need of volunteers. Rotary has control of the beer/wine tent. The chamber will help check ID's and buttons. Amy Sack is in charge of buttons. We need a coordinator for the information tent and the 50/50 raffle.

Rummage Through Mount Carroll: Sign-up is being handled at Triumph Community Bank. The fee is \$6.00 until April 15. A printable list of participants will be on the website.

Farmer's Market: Stephanie Samuels is the new market manager. She is thinking of ways to attract more customers and is hoping to make some additions and changes to make it more inclusive and more of a meeting place.

New Business:

Diane Bausman reported that the new Northwest Illinois 2016 Blackhawk Waterways Visitor Guide are in and available.

Guest Speaker:
Dan Danielowski from Timber Lake Playhouse gave a presentation on the results of the survey which was sent out earlier this year. He spoke about changes for this season including the addition of shows in May and September, and partnering with area restaurants/lodging to offer destination packages for out of towners.

50/50 winner Jeff Elliott \$6.00 (donated back)

Meeting adjourned.

WANTED:

Attention all Mount Carroll Chamber business members!! The chamber will have an information booth at Mayfest and you are welcome to place information about your business at the table. If you are interested please contact Larry DeSpain.

Marketing

If April showers bring May flowers, what do Mayflowers bring????? (smirglip...An oldie but a goodie!) Happy May - my favorite month of the year. We are Mayfest bound, which means a lot of marketing in a lot of newspapers, Facebook and radio. We continue to promote our community and invite folks to discover all of our events and businesses on our website. So PLEASE take a few moments to review your website listing. While you're there, check out our events and let us know if anything needs added or updated. You can check out our website at <http://www.mtcarrollil.org/> and you can send changes, updates and/or additions to John at admin@mtcarrollil.org. In addition to our Mayfest advertising, Chamber and the City promote our Calendar of Events in the Mayfest paper. Chamber will have some handouts in our tent during Mayfest. We are inviting all Chamber members to promote their businesses in our tent with business cards, menus, post cards, etc. Just one more reason to join Chamber. IF your business friend/peer hasn't joined, this is a great time for them to do so! Just have them contact me for more info. After Mayfest, June fills up with the Farmers Market every Saturday from 8 to Noon, the Artisan Market on the first Saturday from 8 to Noon, Music in the Band Stand (Court House Lawn) every Thursday from 6 to 8 pm and our first Car Cruise of the season on Saturday, June 18, beginning at 4 pm. And this is just June!!! We'll help promote however/whenever/wherever we can. Questions? Suggestions? Kudos? You can send them here:

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

See ya soon!

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—April 2016

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting April 27, 2016 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Carol Frey, Lydia Hutchcraft, Jeff Elliott, Connie Zink, John Swiech, John Pokropinski and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Larry DeSpain

April Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-John Pokropinski/2nd-Diane Bausman/Approved

February Secretary's Report: Correction to March minutes: Joe Grimm is coordinating this year's Brick Street Saturday and not Dan Brinkmeyer. Moved to approve minutes as corrected-Jeff Elliott/2nd-Lydia Hutchcraft/Approved

Events:

Mayfest: A letter to the editor of the Mirror-Democrat will appear this week asking for Mayfest volunteers and financial aid.

There are concerns regarding the future of Mayfest location for the future. There are about 50 craft vendors signed up so far. Lisa Lewis and Amy Sack are coordinating the schedules for the chamber information tent, Carol will provide table and chairs.

Rummage Through Mount Carroll: About \$151.00 has been raised, but the advertising bills are not all in yet. Some feedback complaints that there were no printed copies of the map available. Will look into possibly providing a printed map for a small fee (but no charge if you print your own).

Marketing: Updating the Voyager ad and others. Will be doing a big ad for Mayfest, considering using Timber Lake Playhouse electronic sponsor slide show for further advertising opportunities.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? Stephanie Samuels for taking on managing the Farmer's Market.

Old Business:

The "Discover Mount Carroll" tri-fold is outdated. Decision has been made to recycle the old ones and develop a new two-sided rack card after Mayfest.

New Business:

2016-2017 Budget

John Swiech gave updates on CDC

V.P. Report: There will be a general membership meeting on May at YMCA Camp Benson. The menu will be Chicken parmesan over pasta, green beans, salad bar and cake for \$12.00.

Meeting Adjourned.

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Community Cen- ter 6 PM—Friends of the Library	4	5 Chamber General Membership Meet- ing YMCA Camp Benson 6pm	6	7 Art Fair
8	9	10 7:30PM City Council meeting	11	12	13	14 Farmer's Market
15	16	17	18 Open Mike night at the Kraft Building 6p-9p	19	20	21 Farmer's Market
22	23	24 7:30PM City Council meeting	25 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	26	27 Mayfest	28 Farmer's Market Mayfest
29 Mayfest	30 Memorial Day	31	<p>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**

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce

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"We take the time to care."

Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events

2016

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.....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 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	Plain Jane Vintage Shops LLC
Shaw's Market Place	Moring Disposal, Inc.	Northwestern Service Co.
Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll	Charles Electronics, LLC	The Inn at Molly's
David Purlee, DDS	John Bickelhaupt Insurance Agency	
Campbell Center for Historic Preservation	Mount Carroll Café	
Carroll County Senior Services Organization	Pat & Diane Bausman	