

Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

November 2016

Membership: 64

Hello everyone

What a nice Pumpkin Fest. It was wonderful to see our downtown streets filled with people and activity. Our thanks to Diane for taking the lead in this, and to the many others who pitched in to make it a success. Now it's on to Shop Small Saturday, the Christmas Tour of Homes, and we've already started discussing Mayfest.

Stay tuned everyone, as we're gonna need your help to continue making all of these activities in our community successful. Let's keep the energy going.

Larry

Board of Directors

Larry DeSpain-President: Hotel Glenview
Will Mueller-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

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

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Pumpkin Fest committee, all the volunteers and especially the financial contributors (Kunes Country Auto Group, the Lions Club, HB Wilkinson Title, the Mount Carroll Home Center, and the Mount Carroll Veterinary Clinic) for another successful Pumpkin Fest.

An additional Thank You goes to Stephanie Samuels for managing this year's new and improved Farmer's Market!

Our thoughts and prayers go to Fern Stadel and her family on the loss of Buster Stadel.

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.

October Treasurer's Report

Balance as of September 28, 2016

\$9,722.03

REVENUE

09/30/16 Interest	\$ 0.26
10/24/16 Dues	\$ 255.00
10/24/16 Pumpkin Fest	\$ 520.00
10/26/16 Farmer's Market	\$ 92.00
	\$ 867.26

EXPENSE

10/11/16 Diane Bausman-prizes for pumpkin races	\$ 235.00
10/13/16 Sievert's chamber bucks	\$ 25.00
10/24/16 Sauk Valley Media	\$ 37.80
10/26/16 Diane Bausman-Mini Gourd Race Supplies	\$ 198.00
10/26/16 Joe Grim-DJ	\$ 100.00
10/26/16 Rosemary Flikema/Shop Hop	\$ 50.00
	\$ 645.80

SubTotal

Balance as of October 26, 2016

\$9,943.49

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Mayfest Checking Account

\$193.24

Unapproved General Membership Meeting Minutes:

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce held a general membership meeting September 1, 2016 at Henry's Double K. Twenty members were present.

Meeting was called to order by President Larry DeSpain. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Lundquist and the blessing was led by Anna Gray.

Treasurer's reports for June, July and August 2016 were reviewed. Diane Bausman moved to approve, Bev Lundquist seconded, and the reports were approved. The Secretary's report for June 2016 was reviewed. Nan Woodside moved to approve, Jeff Davis seconded and the report was approved.

Events:

Mayfest 2016: Still have two vendors to collect from and discussion for next year's Mayfest will begin in October.

Pumpkin Fest: Gearing up and adding some new activities for the day.

Shop Hops: Will once again be the first and second weekends in November.

Shop Small Saturday: Sponsor American Express has been contacted.

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes: Carol Frey is chairing and will have a meeting right after Labor Day. Goal is to have 4 homes and also the collectible Christmas again. Will also have the annual lighting of the community Christmas tree again.

New Business:

Chamber Vice President election: Will Mueller has agreed to be our Vice President. A motion to have the secretary cast a unanimous vote for Will Mueller as vice president was made by Jeff Elliott and seconded by Michelle Fossett. The motion was approved.

CDC meeting: The CDC is hosting a "Future Forward 5 O'Clock Fling meet and greet social gathering at Henry's Double K on Wednesday, September 21st at 5pm.

September 24th is Kunes Country Customer Appreciation Day.

Larry DeSpain is looking for general membership meeting program ideas.

Mount Carroll sesquicentennial is coming next year. Cindy Pingatore is chairperson.

50/50 winner Carol Frey \$2.50 (donated back)

Meeting adjourned.

Marketing

In addition to our regular event marketing, I will be organizing a Shop Small Saturday activity. Although I don't know what kind of promotional materials American Express is sending us, I know they're sending us something. The past few years, we've received tote bags, mats, balloons and a big banner for our bandstand. I will be working with WCCI, the Prairie Advocate and the Mirror Democrat to create publicity for this event. Watch your emails for more information on how you can participate. IF you know you want to be included, just chat at me.

We have a lot going on in and around our community as we head into the holidays. IF you'd like to be involved with any of our events, chat at me some more and I'll put you in touch with the powers that be. PLEASE don't wait to be asked. Remember: we're all in this together.

And it really does take a village.

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

Chamber General Membership Meeting

Annual Christmas Party

December 1, 2016

Location: To be announced

Menu:

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

**Please RSVP no later than
Tuesday, November 29, 2016
at 5:00PM**

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—October 2016

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting October 26, 2016 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Will Mueller, Jeff Elliott, Anna Gray, John Pokropinski, Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, Bob Hatheway, Carol Frey and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Larry DeSpain

October Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-Jeff Elliott/2nd-Diane Bausman/Approved

September Secretary's Report: Moved to approve -Anna Gray/2nd-Bob Hatheway/Approved

Events:

Pumpkin Fest: The weather was beautiful and good feedback has been received. There were 46 entries in the pumpkin race, the mini gourd races were a huge success. The pumpkin fest committee will have a follow up meeting in a couple of weeks.

Shop Small Saturday: We are waiting for the package of materials from American Express. Advertising will be gearing up.

Carroll County Country Christmas: A colorful brochure has been printed up for this two weekend event is replacing the annual Shop Hop. The dates are Friday and Saturday November 4th & 5th and November 11th & 12th.

Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes: The committee is looking for one more home to include on this year's tour. There will be bake sales by the Catholic Church and Good Samaritan, Santa will make his appearance at Savanna-Thomson State Bank, the Senior Center will be open as will the Library.

Marketing: The usual ad will appear in the Lake Carroll newsletter with additional information on the Christmas Tour of Homes. The Prairie Advocate, the Carroll County Mirror-Democrat, WCCI and Facebook will all be utilized for further ads and marketing.

Newsletter Items: The contributors to this year's successful Pumpkin Fest (Kunes Country Auto Group, The Mount Carroll Lions Club, HB Wilkinson Title, The Mount Carroll Home Center and The Mount Carroll Veterinary Clinic) as well as all the volunteers who helped the Pumpkin Fest Committee.

New Business:

To be included in the November Newsletter: Stadel condolences.

Steve Behrens can make frozen bubbles for our winter outdoor events.

Discussion on the chamber address and mail took place. We will continue the discussion at our next board meeting.

V.P. Report: There will be a general membership meeting and annual Christmas Party on December 1, 2016 location to be determined.

Meeting Adjourned.

Dear Mt. Carroll Chamber of Commerce,

On behalf of the Wachtel and Veith family I would like to give the Mt. Carroll Chamber of Commerce a big THANK YOU for using the T.A Wachtel & Son/Veith Memorials building as this year's Mt. Carroll Christmas ornament.

On July 25, 2015 my grandmother Lolly Wachtel Veith passed away. She was the last surviving child of Earl and Florence Wachtel and granddaughter of Thomas Atkinson Wachtel. My grandfather Thomas A. Veith and grandma were very proud of

Mt. Carroll and the businesses that their families owned. They both would have been extremely honored to know that the Chamber chose their family business for the 2016 ornament.

Sadly, on July 23, 2016 my aunt Pam's fiancé Ron Dauphin passed away. Ron's funeral was held on July 25, 2016, a year to the day that grandma Veith passed away. Our family had not been completely together since grandma's funeral. All 5 DuBree and Veith kids came together to support their sister Pam. Pam asked me to bring all of the ornaments to the funeral luncheon at Manny's. On that day all 6 Veith and DuBree children received their ornament honoring the Wachtels and Veiths. Most of grandma and grandpa Veith's grandchildren were able to attend the funeral and they also received an ornament. Pam sent two of the ornaments to Wisconsin to her cousins that are Earl Wachtel's grandchildren.

I hope that the Chamber continues to do the ornaments and continues to make our families proud for many more years.

Sincerely,

Alex Veith

November 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	4 Country Christmas	5 Country Christmas
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends	7	8 Election Day 7:30PM City Council meeting	9	10	11 Country Christmas	12 Country Christmas
13	14	15	16 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz Open Mike night at the Kraft Building 6p-9p	17	18	19
20	21	22 7:30PM City Council meeting	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26 Shop Small Saturday
27	28	29	30	<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**

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

Carroll County Country Christmas.....November 4 & 5
November 11 & 12

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	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	
Carroll County Mirror Democrat	Moring Disposal	
Mount Carroll Mobil	Ron Foltz	
John & Jean Hutchison	Marsha Foltz	
Prairie Path Guest House & Sampler	Crouse Plumbing & Heating Inc.	
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	