

Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

October 2016

Membership: 53

Hello everyone

Please welcome Will Mueller, who has joined our Chamber Board and stepped into the position of Vice President. Will brings a fresh face and some new energy to Mt Carroll, and is looking forward to getting involved in our community events. I am looking forward to working with him.

The Pumpkin Fest committee has been busy in their preparations. It looks to be a busy and fun event.

Our Christmas tour of homes committee is also quite busy, and it is always a fun event.

In between those is the Shop Small Saturday,

So overall it is a busy time coming up for the Chamber..... so stay tuned.... and be ready to step in and help as these events can take place only with lots of time and effort from our members.

Larry

Board of Directors

Larry DeSpain-President: Hotel Glenview

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

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

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Michelle Fossett, Joe Grimm and David Schneider for a successful Brick Street Saturday and 5th Annual Brick Street Golf Classic

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.

September Treasurer's Report
Balance as of August 31, 2016

\$10,594.64

	<u>REVENUE</u>
8/31/16 Interest	\$ 0.29
9/6/16 Redeposit cash-membership meeting	\$ 100.00
9/6/16 Dues	\$ 150.00
9/6/16 50/50	\$ 7.00
9/6/16 Membership Meeting Meals	\$ 270.00
9/21/16 Duck Pluck	\$ 170.00
9/21/16 Ornament sales	\$ 40.00
Sub-Total	\$ 737.29

	<u>EXPENSES</u>
9/1/16 Membership Meeting-Cash	\$ 100.00
9/1/16 Henry's Double K-membership mtng meals	\$ 270.00
9/21/16 Mirror Democrat	\$ 186.00
9/21/16 WCCI	\$ 100.00
9/21/16 Sieverts-chamber bucks	\$ 55.00
9/28/16 Catherine Pokropinski-Sec./July-September	\$ 300.00
9/28/16 Sibyl Doty-Treasurer/July-September	\$ 300.00
Sub-Total	\$ 1,311.00

Balance as of September 28, 2016

\$10,020.93

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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

We are smack dab in the midst of our last quarter events. Boom! Fall has arrived, and with it comes several opportunities for Chamber and our community of businesses and organizations to engage our friends, families and other visitors. Pumpkin Fest is our next event (October 22), and Diane Bausman and her committee are busy planning a fun-filled day. IF you can help in the Chamber tent, or with any of the activities, please let me know and I'll get the word to Diane.

Laura Smith is chairing our Halloween parade on, wait for it, Halloween. She needs someone(s) to gather the little kiddies behind the Pharmacy, give them their glow sticks, and walk with them to the Community Center where they'll enjoy a quick dinner before trick-or-treating. IF you'd like to be that someone(s), let me know and I'll get the word to the other Laura.

The annual Shop Hop is renamed: Carroll County Country Christmas. For the first two Fridays & Saturdays in November, participating shops in Lanark, Mount Carroll and Savanna invite you to spend some of your holiday cash in their small businesses. You will be able to find a list of participating shops on our website.

Speaking of shopping small. Shop Small Saturday follows on November 26. IF you haven't heard, American Express started this "holiday" several years ago to help small businesses compete (?) with Black Friday (the Friday after Thanksgiving). Shop Small Saturday is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Our Chamber is organizing a promotion to encourage folks to Shop Small. We'll be hanging our banner on the bandstand the minute it arrives. We're still working on details to engage shoppers. We'll keep you posted.

The annual Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes follows on December 3rd. Carol Frey and her committee have begun finding homes to tour, chatting with Santa, etc. IF you can help, let me know and I'll get the word to Carol. When we know more, you'll know more. Just one more reason to:

1. Visit our website at www.mtcarrollil.org
2. Read your newsletters
3. Like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mountcarrollchamber

In the meantime, may the Force be with you.

Laura Miller DeSpain
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shop@dabluz.com

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—September 2016

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting September 28, 2016 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Jeff Elliott, Anna Gray, John Pokropinski, Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, JoAnn Palmer and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Larry DeSpain

September Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-John Pokropinski/2nd-Anna Gray/Approved

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

Events:

Pumpkin Fest: Everything is moving forward nicely. Lamp Post judging will take place on October 22. Need volunteers for the Chamber Information tent. Zombie fun run plans are underway. There will be a decorated and carved pumpkin contest, the Girl Scouts paint-a-pumpkin, little kids Halloween costume parade (sponsored by the Library), Farmer's Market, mini gourd race, pumpkin sling shot, pumpkin bowling pet costume contest and of course the pumpkin drag race. A cemetery walk is also being discussed. Laura, Sibyl and Catherine will meet to discuss the Chamber bake sale. Laura Smith is coordinating the annual Halloween parade on October 31st. She needs someone to lead the parade to the community center where dinner and glo-sticks will be provided.

Shop Small Saturday: American Express has us listed as a community event. Laura is working out details, logistics and advertising.

Carroll County Country Christmas: 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 meeting every Friday afternoon at Plain Jane's. The Tour of Homes will be held both Friday evening (4p-8p) and Saturday (10a-4p). Tickets will be \$10.00 and advance tickets can be purchased at Triumph Community Bank, Land of Oz, Plain Jane's or Bald Guyz. The committee has already arranged for three homes to be toured and is hoping for a fourth. Santa has been contacted and scheduled for an appearance and the annual tree lighting will also take place on Saturday.

Marketing: We are entering our busiest time for advertising with a lot of events planned before the end of the year. The usual methods of advertising will be used.

Newsletter Items: Michelle Fossett, Joe Grimm and David Schneider for a successful Brick Street Saturday and 5th Annual Brick Street Golf Classic.

Old Business:

Mayfest follow up-Still waiting for some of the vendor income. Sibyl will prepare the financial reports with a note of the missing revenues.

Xmas ornament follow up: The planning committee for the Sesquicentennial next year met with JoAnn Palmer. The group is deciding on which color to use for the ornament. JoAnn reported the recommendation of buildings to depict for the years 2017 and 2018. A motion was made to approve the Masonic Lodge building (Molly's) for 2017 and the Clark Carroll building for 2018 by John Pokropinski and was seconded by Anna Gray. The motion was approved.

Brick Street Saturday was a huge success while early reports of the 5th Annual Brick Street Golf Classic show that only one team showed up.

New Business:

Welcome to Will Mueller, newly elected Chamber Vice-President.

Diane reported that a group bus tour is expected to come to Mount Carroll this Saturday around 2pm.

The November board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

October 2016

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

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce

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Mount Carroll, IL 61053

E-mail: info@mtcarrollil.org
Web site: www.mtcarrollil.org

"We take the time to care."

Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events

2016

Farmer's Market.....May through October

Pumpkin Fest.....October 22

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	
Sand Prairie Wireless	WCCI Radio	
Business Employment Skills Team, Inc.	West Point Tree Farm	
John Pokropinski	Land of Oz	
Catherine Pokropinski	Sieverts Steak-N-Stuff	
Doty's Collision Center	Massbach Ridge Winery	
Jim & Sherry Morel	Henry's Double K LLC	
Jerry Cornelius	Beck's Seed Dealer	
Sandy Cornelius	Savanna-Thomson State Bank	
Mary Ann Hutchison	Nancy Woodside	
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		