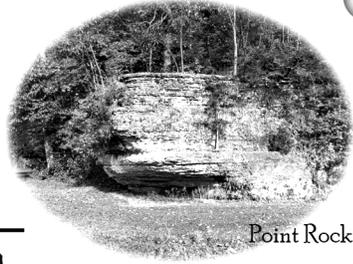


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

September 2016

Membership: 49

Hi everyone

Hard to believe that summer is at an end, and Brick Street Saturday is upon us. It looks like a lot will be going on in downtown Mt Carroll, so please come out and join us. And if you can, we are always in need of some volunteer help.

We are also in the planning stages for our annual Pumpkin Fest and Shop Small Saturday. So keep an eye out for more information.

Hope to see you at our general membership meeting at Henry's next Thursday.

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

September 1, 2016

Location: Henry's Double K

Menu:

Salad Bar, Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans and rolls.

Price: \$15.00

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting—7:00PM

Please RSVP no later than

Tuesday, August 29, 2016

at 5:00PM

Email: mchambersecretary@gmail.com

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank P.J. Ladehoff and Will Mueller for arranging and chairing this summer's Music on the Square nights.

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.

August Treasurer's Report

Balance as of July 26, 2016 **\$10,427.73**

		<u>REVENUE</u>
7/29/16 Interest		\$ 0.21
8/9/16 Dues		\$ 310.00
8/9/16 Ornaments		\$ 325.00
SubTotal		\$ 635.21
		<u>EXPENSES</u>
8/10/16 Bald Guyz Coffee & Bistro/Rent July-December 2016		\$ 600.00
8/10/16 Sauk Valley Media		\$ 37.80
SubTotal		\$ 637.80
Balance as of August 22, 2016	\$10,425.14	

Total

Mayfest Checking Account **\$ 193.24**

Mayfest Savings Account

Unapproved General Membership Meeting Minutes:

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce held a general membership meeting June 2, 2016 at Bald Guyz Coffee & Bistro. Seventeen members were present.

Meeting was called to order by Past President Bob Hatheway. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Swiech and the blessing was led by John Swiech.

Treasurer's report for May 2016 was reviewed. John Hutchison moved to approve, Diane Bausman seconded, and the report was approved. The Secretary's report for May 2016 was reviewed. John Hutchison moved to approve, Sue Simpson seconded and the report was approved.

Events:

Mayfest 2016: Buttons sold on Saturday night - 330, Sunday sales better than last year. Bills are still coming in, so totals are as yet unknown, 135 cars were on display at the car show, 138 runners participated in the 5k run.

Car Cruise: June 18 will be the first one this summer. Diane has all the material for the information booth if we can get someone to volunteer to run it. We also need to sell Duck Pluck tickets

New Business:

2016 -2017 Budget: Lisa Lewis moved to approve, Mary Ann Hutchison seconded and the budget was approved.

Officers & Board: Laura Miller acknowledged the following:

Farmer's Market: Catherine Pokropinski; Mayfest: Larry DeSpain; Brick Street Saturday: Bob Hatheway; Pumpkin Fest: Diane Bausman; Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes: Carol Frey; and although it's not a Chamber event, Len Anderson for his continued hard work with the Car Cruises. Special accolades went to all the Chamber members and volunteers for always being there when they are needed AND to the Mapping Our Future folks for infusing us with new ideas and new energy.

Additionally, the following were thanked: President - Larry DeSpain, Past President - Bob Hatheway, Vice President - still looking for one, Secretary - Catherine Pokropinski, Treasurer - Sibyl Doty, Website Administrator - John Pokropinski, Board Members: Anna Gray, Lisa Lewis, Connie Zink, Jeff Elliott, Amy Sack, Lydia Hutchcraft, Diane Bausman, Carol Frey, John Pokropinski, Laura Miller-DeSpain. Laura entertained a motion to accept these officers and board members for the Chamber year 2016-2017. John Hutchison moved to have the secretary cast a unanimous vote for those candidates, Mary Ann Hutchison seconded and the motion was approved.

Guest Speaker:

Michelle Fossett spoke on the recently held Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs 27th Annual Rural Community Economic Development Conference on March 9 -10 in Springfield. Mount Carroll sent four attendees this year: Doug Sherf, P.J. Ladahoff, Joe Grimm and Michelle Fossett. The conference held sessions on motivating community development and stimulating the economy. More information can be found at Duran Charm: Bringing revitalization to a rural town via the link @ www.iira.org. Michelle also spoke on the Mapping Our Future activities. The Parks and Recreation's ice rink from last winter may lead to a Winter Fest next year. The CDC membership has grown. More youth events are in the works. July 9 will be a 5k to benefit the Mount Carroll Swimming Pool and a 5k Pumpkin Fest Zombie run is in the planning. We need to start planning our Sesquicentennial in 2017.

50/50 winner Diane Bausman \$2.50 (donated back)

Meeting adjourned.

Marketing

Greetings!

As I write this, we are just days away from our annual Brick Street Saturday (August 27). The weather forecast keeps changing so I've quit watching. I'm looking forward to Mount Carroll, her friends and her family enjoying a family fun-filled day. Thank you to Michelle Fossett, Joe Grim, Chamber and everyone who always works so hard to keep these traditions going.

Next up is Pumpkin Fest and the committee members are scheming as we speak! IF you'd like to help with any of the festivities AND/OR if your organization would like to be involved, please let Diane Bausman know so she can coordinate the day's events. Chamber is kicking around the idea of having a bake sale. So keep watching your emails -- we'll let you know if/when/where you can drop off baked goods. Pumpkin Fest brings A LOT of folks (and attention) to our sweet community with the Pumpkin Drag Races. You can find up-to-date info on our website.

Many businesses are participating in the annual Shop Hop (first two weekends in November), and I'm still gathering info for Shop Small Saturday (November 26). Keep watching....

We're already getting questions about the annual Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes. Carol Frey is our chair person. IF you have a suggestion for a home and/or IF your organization would like to be involved, please let Carol know so she can coordinate the day's events. (Hmmm...it's almost like dejavu!)

We will continue to market these events on our website, Facebook page(s), newspapers & radio. We'll also make fliers and post them all around. IF you can share a flier or deliver fliers, let me know. Ya know what I always say -- it really does take a village.

In the meantime, live long and prosper and may the force always be with you.

Me

aka Laura Lee Miller DeSpain

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Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—August 2016

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting August 24, 2016 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Carol Frey, Jeff Elliott, Anna Gray, John Pokropinski, Sibyl Doty, Bob Hatheway, Diane Bausman, JoAnn Palmer and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Larry DeSpain

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

July Secretary's Report: Moved to approve -Jeff Elliott/2nd-Bob Hatheway/Approved

Events:

Brick Street Saturday: Need to set up Chamber information tent. Diane and Carol have information and equipment. Will get schedule of events for the day from Michelle Fossett and sell Duck Pluck numbers. Volunteers are needed for the bounce house and 3 wheeler race.

Brick Street Golf Classic: Joe Grimm and David Schneider are chairing this event to be held on Friday, September 9th in Stockton.

Shop Small Saturday: Coming on Saturday, November 26, 2016. Laura has contacted and is waiting to hear back from American Express.

Pumpkin Fest: To be held Saturday, October 22, 2016. Diane will be holding a committee meeting on Wednesday, September 7 at 4:30 at Land of Oz. The rec committee from Mount UP Mount Carroll is having a Zombie run. They have asked the Chamber if they could use the money raised to use for their Storybook Trail. A motion was made by Bob Hatheway to have the rec committee pay 10% off their gross sales to the Chamber for offsetting expenses, with the remaining monies going to the Storybook Trail fund. The motion was seconded by Anna Gray and approved by all. Advertising for the Zombie run will be included with other ads for Pumpkin fest. Discussed the idea of having a bake sale or "soup to go" on Pumpkin Fest to assist in fundraising. Will need to contact the Health department for registration. Will start gearing up for Lamp Post decorating as well.

Marketing: Brick Street Saturday ads are done, will start planning Pumpkin Fest. Will continue using Lake Carroll newsletter, Mirror Democrat, WCCI and Social Media. Will have some basic information on Pumpkin Fest available at the information tent on Brick Street Saturday.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? P.J. Ladehoff and Will Mueller for arranging this summer's Music on the Square. Next month 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.

Xmas ornament follow up: The planning committee for the Sesquicentennial next year has approached the Chamber board to have the 2017 Christmas ornament depict something that celebrates our 150th year. JoAnn Palmer and Cindy Pingatore will meet to discuss the details for the ornament.

New Business:

Larry has spoken with Will Mueller who has expressed interest in becoming our Chamber Vice President. An election will be held at the September general membership meeting.

The CDC is hosting an exclusive "Future Forward 5 o'clock Fling" meet and greet on Wednesday, September 21st at Henry's Double K. RSVP is required.

Mike Risko submitted a request that the Mayfest committee utilize the AmeriCorps group from the Campbell Center to repair the stage.

V.P. Report: There will be a general membership meeting on September 1, 2016 at Henry's Double K.

Meeting Adjourned.

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p>  <p>Become a fan of Mount Carroll, Illinois</p>				1 Chamber General Membership mtg at Henry's Double K-6pm	2	3 Art Fair Farmer's Market
4	5	6 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Community Center 6 PM—Friends of the Library	7	8	9 5th Annual Brick Street Golf Classic	10 Farmer's Market
11	12	13 7:30PM City Council meeting	14	15	16	17 Farmer's Market Car Cruise
18	19	20	21 Open Mike night at the Kraft Building 6p-9p	22	23	24 Farmer's Market
25	26	27 7:30PM City Council meeting	28 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	29	30	

**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.
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Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events

2016

Farmer's Market.....May through October
5th Annual Brick Street Golf Classic.....September 9
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 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		
Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll		
The Inn at Molly's		
Bald Guyz Bistro		
Charles Electronics, LLC		