

# Minutes of Meeting - August 19, 2010

Regular meeting of the Greater Searcy County Chamber of Commerce was held at noon on Thursday, August 19, 2010. There were 22 members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Treat.

Jamie Michner gave a report about the upcoming Disaster Preparedness Fair at St. Joe which will be held on Saturday, September 11th at the High School parking lot. There will be many local fire departments, rescue squads, North Ark and Air Evac will be there. Air Evac is doing a raffle on a helicopter ride to NARMC in Harrison where the winner will be taken thru the emergency room on an emergency drill after they come off the helicopter. They are also doing a raffle on Branson show tickets, Air plane ride, and many other items. The blood mobile will also be in attendance.

This is being sponsored by the American Legion of St. Joe, the Chamber and other civic organizations. For more information call Jamie at 870-416-9744.

Clint Freeman gave a report from the 5K run executive committee on the determination of the donation of funds raised from the event. \$4000 is to be distributed as follows:

\$1000 to the Arts Center in Leslie

\$1000 to the Depot in St. Joe

\$1000 to the Searcy County Civic Center

\$500 to the Marshall City Park

\$500 to the Veterans Memorial Museum

President Jack Treat gave a report about the Arts Center in Leslie. They had a great crowd for last week's music on the 2nd Saturday. Had 150 in attendance. The new air conditioning system is currently being installed and will be complete before the next music on September 11th.

Bob King gave a report about the new chuck wagon that is being completed by the 1000 Hills Cowboy Church. They will have the chuck wagon down at the county fair on September 25th serving sausage and biscuits.

Several ideas were bounced around about beautification of the area. Discussion about getting the master gardeners to do some planting and possibly having someone painting a mural in a couple different locations was discussed. No decision was made at this time but everyone was encouraged to brainstorm for ideas.

Mike Loggins, the Managing Attorney of Legal Aid of Arkansas was in attendance and gave a short presentation about their services. They cover a 6 county area of Boone, Baxter, Carroll, Marion, Newton and Searcy Counties.

He felt like Searcy County was underserved. They offer Free Legal Assistance for Low Income Arkansans. Their areas are Family Law, Elder Law, Housing, Consumer, and Landlaw/Tenant Law. They have a hotline which is 1-800-952-9243 and a website which is [www.arlegalservices.org](http://www.arlegalservices.org).

The meeting was adjourned.