

East Texas District Meeting
September 21, 2017

The East Texas District met in Tyler, Texas at the University of Texas in Tyler at the Braithwaite Building, College of Nursing. Dinner was provided by Choice Rehab and Choice Homecare.

At the business meeting officer elections were held: Polly Bowers-Maness, PTA was elected chair, and Jessica Ross, PTA was elected treasurer. The district thanks Laurie Hurst, PT, and Stephanie Gage, PTA and the current officers and board members. The list of district officers on the TPTA website is incorrect, and has been so for over a year, due to so many changes in office staff.

The minutes from the previous summer board meeting were approved.

Polly reported about the PTASIG conference call, especially about the pending legislation regarding Tricare and PTAs. Medicaid re-imburement for PTAs is still reduced. PTAs have a full vote in the Texas Assembly.

Arvin Calamba provided a schedule of upcoming meetings in November, February and the district symposium whose topic will be either neuro or ortho.

Stephanie provided the treasurer report. The district budget has been sent in to Austin. There has been no budget report from the TPTA office in Austin yet. The district is on track with the budget, which is essentially the same as last year, although we do need our fund raisers. Lauren passed out Chili's flyers for the fundraiser for the district on September 27, 2017. Last year's fund raiser was very successful. Members were asked to distribute flyers to as many as possible.

Polly gave the membership report. Since Polly is district chair, a membership chair and a PTA SIG liaison are needed.

Artis Newsome gave the GAC report, noting that Nick Patel is updating his email list. Lauren Swetnam is giving the PR position to Amanda Storer, PTA. We will have the turkey and ham raffles at the November meeting in Kilgore: \$2.00/ticket and \$5.00/3 tickets.

The 3rd annual Geriatric Symposium is progressing. Josh Megli reported he might be relocating out of state, so will need a replacement.

Ruby Kendrick, PT sent a report about the HOD, which is attached to these minutes.

David Jackson, PT, CEO of Choice spoke about proposed rules for home health and skilled nursing which will reduce re-imburement for therapies, which will create financial incentives to reduce care for patients. Letters need to be sent to our legislators about these issues. APTA's legislative action center is very helpful in cueing members to the issues. APTA also has an APTA action app for android and iphone.

Next ETD meeting will be in Kilgore in November, hosted by the PT club and with the famous taco soup on the menu. The CCU topic will be provided by Mark Turek and Karen Gordon, PT of the Board of PT Examiners about the new licensure requirements, and the PT compact.

The CCU for the evening was provided by Perry Wallach, MD, ETMC rehabilitation medical director on "Medical Complications in Rehabilitation and Movement Disorder".

Respectfully,

Ann Huffstetter, PTA

District Secretary