

East Texas District Meeting
November 17, 2016

From the chair: Laurie Hurst, PT

The Sunset process continues with a hearing scheduled for December 8 and 9. Members will be notified via email to voice their opinions during that time. Laurie met with and took PAC funds to Travis Carter of Nacogdoches, Matt Schafer, Tyler and Robert Nichols of Jacksonville to assist with their campaigns. All three are not in favor of consolidating the PT/OT boards with the Texas Department of License and Regulation. The members of that board are not clinical professionals. The proposed rules are posted online. Robert Nichols is on the sunset committee. Schafer suggested that we find some MDs to testify that direct access would not be detrimental to the public. Laurie is working with Stacey Mathers in the TPTA office to have the February 16 meeting telecast remotely, as a webinar. NOTE: The February meeting is early, and will be hosted at Mt Pleasant. TJC is willing to be a local host. The TPTA PAC is the best ever at \$100,000+, and continues to raise funds. Compared to the TMA the TPTA PAC is a drop in the bucket. Legislative day is February 21, 2016. It makes a difference to the legislature when 1000+ PTs, PTAs, students and patients show up on that day.

Minutes were read and approved.

Vice chair: Vice chair position has been filled by unanimous vote for Arvin Calamba, PT. Mike Little brought the schedule of meetings for next year and provided copies for the board members. Thank you to Mike for his wonderful service.

Treasury: Stephanie Scudder's report was presented and approved. The treasury has \$4,521.48.

The silent auction added \$125.00. The Chili's fundraiser brought in \$1303.00 and may not have been posted yet. Year to date: \$4214.65 withdrawals; \$3764.02 deposits.

Stephanie has the scholarship form; Ann Huffstetter will co-chair with her to get the scholarships awarded this year.

Delegate report: Rubye Kendrick was unable to attend so there is no delegate report.

Membership: Polly Bowers-Maness said a survey was sent to the lapsed members of the North Texas District. Most membership drops occur in years 0-5 of professional activity, and/or are due to finances.

Government affairs: Laurie will attend the APTA forum in the spring.

PR Liaison: Lauren Swetnam said that Chili's is willing to make the fundraiser an annual event. The turkey was won by Mary Cratt, the ham by Don Burkhardt, the smoker by Randy Andrews, and the \$500.00 card from the PT Club of Kilgore College was won by Phillip Calton. Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all who supported the fundraising efforts.

Geriatric Symposium: Josh Megli reported that the building has been reserved at TJC for April 21 and 22. Laura Ferguson, MD will speak about palliative care and hospice. Other speakers are needed and several ideas were presented for topics.

The meeting was adjourned, and the ethics course “Ethics and Elder Abuse” was presented by Stephanie Williams, B.S., and Carla Gleaton, P.T. for 0.2 CCU.

Respectfully,
Ann Huffstetter, PTA
District Secretary