

East Texas District Minutes
November 19, 2015

-The East Texas District met at Kilgore College, Kilgore, Texas on November 19, 2015.

-The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

-A donation of \$50.00 was made to the Komen foundation in honor of Sheri Bjork, PT.

-Annual Conference in October: Conference was well attended by over 1000 professionals and students. Thirteen representatives from the ETD were present for Texas Assembly, something of a record for this district and a good show of support. The strategic plan for the Assembly was approved and full vote was given to Texas PTAs, with the opportunity to serve on the nominating committee.

-Remote meeting broadcasting: Tonight's speaker requested that the meeting not be aired remotely because of the nature of the CCU requirement for the ethics course. Laurie and Lauren are working with Jeni Leans to set up the remote broadcast, which will probably take a year to market and establish. Volunteers at the remote site(s) will be needed to prepare for the group at the site. We will try to do the remote at the meeting in February, 2016.

-Mike Little provided copies of the upcoming meeting schedule. The next meeting will be February 18, 2016 in Palestine at PRMC, West Campus. The topic will be lymphedema.

-The outgoing treasurer, Rubye Kendrick provided a report that included a balance of \$3393.77. The incoming treasurer is Stephanie Gage, PTA.

-There is no delegate report as information has not been provided yet from APTA.

-Membership: Polly reported that she is developing an initiative to re-connect with lapsed PTAs since they now have full voting rights in Texas. TPTA liked her idea well enough that she has been asked to implement it statewide. Texas membership continues to increase and is about 6500 members.

-Public relations: Lauren continues to request emails. Go to etd.tpta@gmail.com to add an email.

-Education: The education co-chairs are Josh Megli, PT and Carol McFarland, PT. The long course will be a geriatric symposium in Tyler at TJC, on April 15-16, 2016. The Friday portion will be from 6-8pm, and the Saturday portion will be from 8am-4:30pm. Price will be \$400.00 for nonmembers and \$350.00 for members. The symposium will be offered to PTs, OTs, STs and possibly nursing.

-Fund raisers: The turkey, the ham and the gift card were raffled off, and the silent auction was held. Traditions donated the ham, Choice Rehab donated the turkey, and East Texas Ambucs provided the \$500.00 gift card.

The Kilgore College PT sold T-shirts as a fund raiser for the class.

-The Kilgore college PT club hosted the ethics course with their famous taco soup as the main course.

-Barbara Gresham, P.T. presented “Ethical Stamina: Staying the Course in PT Practice”, which satisfied the ethics requirement for license renewal.

Respectfully,
Ann Huffstetter, PTA
District Secretary