

East Texas District Meeting  
November 16, 2017

The East Texas District met in Kilgore at Kilgore Junior College for the business meeting, raffles, the famous taco soup supper presented by the PT club of KJC PTA program and a presentation by Mark Turek and Karen Gordon, PT of the Texas State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

The chair Polly Bowers-Maness, PTA asked about preferred means of communication with the membership. Texting, email and phone calls were mentioned.

A nominating committee needs to be re-activated: a chair and 2 others. One person will rotate off as the next is appointed, per the by-laws.

A membership chair is still needed.

January 19, 2018 is the date of the TPTA strategic planning meeting. Volunteers are needed. A question will be discussed about the viability of the districts.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Arvin Calambra, PT reported that the next meeting will be February 15 in Tyler at TJC or UT on the topic of nerve conduction velocity and relevance to rehabilitation. The speaker will be Dr. Jerry Schwartzbach, MD.

Jessica Ross, PTA treasurer, reported that she emailed TPTA to get the treasurer's report. We are on target with the budget, but must end the year with a zero budget. Currently the budget has \$4817.51. The Chili's fundraiser provided about \$500.00, and we may have another fundraiser of a similar type in the spring. TPTA cannot afford a lobbyist, and insurance is helping with the lawsuit. Key contacts with legislators are most important. Laurie Hurst, PT reported that some key contacts for the district are needed. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Rubye Kendrick, chief delegate, reported that she will participate in a conference call later in the evening for strategic planning for the Texas delegation to the HOD. Principles need to be developed to guide passage of bylaws, especially for sections who would like to have voting delegates at HOD. A second issue concerns consistent quality of care provided by physical therapy and based on evidence. A third issue is how to continue to care for patients in today's expensive health care, since insurers are looking at outcomes of care. Rubye said she will help serve on the strategic planning committee.

A survey will be developed concerning the importance of membership and what therapists want from their membership.

There was nothing to report about GAC.

Josh Megli has been appointed our technology chair. The geriatric symposium will not occur, as many are opting for online education. We may develop a geriatric webinar. Arvin has the contacts of medical practitioners who would be good for a webinar.

Laurie Hurst, PT, past chair was presented with a personalized notebook as a thank you from the district for her service.

Lauren Swetnam was thanked for her service to the district.

The raffles were held, and the meeting was adjourned for the presentation: "Texas Physical Therapy Regulatory Update" by Mark Turek, Chief Investigator and Karen Gordon, PT, both of the Texas State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

Respectfully,  
Ann Huffstetter, PTA  
ETD Secretary