

East Texas District Minutes  
February 20, 2020

The ETD met at Tyler Junior College in Tyler on February 20, 2020.

Polly Bowers-Maness, chair, presented the board members with TPTA lapel pins, and thanked the officers for their service.

The treasurer report was unavailable because the chair was locked out of Quick Books, and the issue could not be resolved before the meeting. There is approximately \$5,000 in the district budget.

As a district we offer scholarships to the PTA schools in the district and have the option of supporting PTA to DPT bridge students. We need to raise funds for these scholarships.

January TPTA board meeting:

Payment committee: The legislative committee is working on the payment cuts (NCH) but is in need of assistance.

Strategic planning committee meeting is April 17. TPTA has an online survey about what the membership desires which all are encouraged to fill out.

The district's Tom Waugh mentee is Shaunda Kwiatek. Polly, Shaunda and Laurie plan to attend the strategic planning meeting of the TPTA.

2021 Legislative session: Direct access clarification is being sought. Medicare/Medicaid reform.

Practice Committee: a new payment model with functional ability scores being focused away from patient function and being dictated by insurance.

Staffing issues

Growing number of Texas PTA schools which may lead to an oversaturation in the Texas market, especially in light of changing payment models

The Southeast District was offering a scholarship to send someone to APTA forum.

TPTA treasury has recouped the cost of the lawsuit due to a better stock market. The TPTA office is considering moving to a less expensive location due to high rent of \$63,000 a year.

The person in charge of the CCAP has quit, so the office is seeking someone to handle the program. Some members are still having problems getting timely responses from some of the TPTA office personnel, and the issue was discussed at the board meeting.

A seminar for April 25, a Saturday, possibly at Kilgore, is being developed. Kristi Kleinig will contact Kristi Smith to present on pediatrics, Ron Short will speak, a neuro

speaker is being sought, Laurie Hurst will contact Julie Hardy about dementia and Amanda Storer will ask Sue Haywood to speak.

Elections: no one at this time.

House of Delegates: Laurie Hurst reported that the delegation meets on Mondays. A proposal is up to allow life members to be delegates, and some health and wellness issues will be proposed, although some have been covered in the past.

The group was questioned about means of communication and expressed the desire to use social media.

The evening's education was "Amputation: An Overview of Prosthetics", presented by Kenneth O'Meara, CO,LO for 2 CCUs.

Respectfully,  
Ann Huffstetter  
District Secretary