

East Texas District Meeting  
February 15, 2018

The East Texas District met at TJC School of nursing and health sciences in Tyler, Texas. An update about the suit against the TPTA for wrongful termination and defamation of character should have a fairly quick resolution, according to the lawyer for TPTA.

Appointments to the nominating committee were made: Crystal de la Garza is chair, Kristi Kleinig has a 3 year term, and Terry Bunker is the third member.

Josh Megli agreed to serve as membership chair.

Elections will be at the April meeting: Arvin Calamba is willing to run as vice chair, Ann Huffstetter as secretary, and a nominee for education chair is needed.

Updates were given on the latest budget passed by US Congress. APTA has published information about the changes.

The PTA SIG met last week and will work with payment/policy committee.

Polly attended the strategic planning workshop, and Rubye participated via phone. The strategic plan includes promotion of an active legislative plan, marketing and increased technology.

Arvin will talk with the dean of NTCC about greater participation in the district.

UT Tyler is developing DPT and MOT programs which have to be approved.

Amanda and Josh were working on a trial run for "Go to Meeting" tonight.

The TPTA website will be revamped.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Treasurer report: current balance is \$5203.72. The district made \$311.00 at the November raffles, and fund raising ideas were discussed.

June 25-27 is APTA HOD in Orlando, Florida. Rubye is seeking a roommate to share expenses.

Laurie Hurst and Polly Bowers-Maness have been nominated for the TPTA Team award.

The Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners is seeking a PTA, minority, from a rural area to serve for a six year term. The person cannot hold any other office or board position. It will be a governor appointed position. Carla Holman, PTA has agreed to fill out the application.

Membership is down 6% in the past month.

The next district meeting is April 19, 2018 in Nacogdoches on the shoulder.

Respectfully,  
Ann Huffstetter, PTA  
District Secretary