

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2016

The East Texas District met in Longview, Texas at Arabella Assisted Living Facility. The meeting was sponsored by Amerimed DME, and the speaker Jonathan W. Fontenot, MD who presented the potential role of new treatment of degenerative joint disease, and updated the current research on the impact of disk replacement and management.

Due to a schedule problem the meeting began with the presentation by Dr. Fontenot, MD. Mike Little obtained permission to send the power point via email to the membership.

The minutes with corrections from February were approved.

The vice chair reported that the next meeting will be September 16, 2016 in Tyler at the Hamptons Assisted Living Facility, sponsored by Hospice of East Texas.

We need to start vetting the vice chair position.

The treasury report was accepted. The Geriatric Symposium netted about \$2000.00 for the district.

Membership: Polly is planning a letter/survey for lapsed members, to contact new members and to pair with current members in the area. The Tom Waugh Leadership Development program is open and available to all members. See TPTA website.

PR: the officer meeting will take place in the summer, probably in Tyler. Laurie asked that all officers send her their vacation times so she can pick a date. Fundraising ideas are needed, and we will begin planning for the next geriatric symposium.

GAC: Ann Huffstetter, PTA attended the APTA Government Affairs Forum in April in Washington, DC. The report is attached to the minutes.

Geriatric symposium: the symposium received very favorable reviews from the attendees for both days. Seventeen attended on Friday, and thirteen on Saturday.

The symposium could become the district's brand and be held each April.

Suggestions:

- i. prices need to be adjusted, starting with \$250.00 max and breaking down from there for early bird, students, vendors etc.
- ii. student prices: \$50.00 max
- iii. exhibit hall sponsorship- and they could send one person
- iv. speakers listed on flyer
- v. speaker power point submitted in advance-use TPTAs pdf capabilities and possibly thumbdrives
- vi. more is needed for the OTs and SLPs
- vii. labs-will depend on class size and availability of plinths
- viii. panel style Q & A: free speakers are available from Galveston and Houston

The chair will attend the April 30, 2016 TPTA board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,

Ann Huffstetter, PTA, secretary

Assisted by Polly Bowers-Maness, PTA