

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT  
MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

The East Texas District met at The Hamptons ALF in Tyler, Texas on September 15, 2016. The CCU for the evening was “Understanding Transitions to Palliative & Hospice Care & the Implication to the Field of PT” for 1.0CCU. The presenter was Laura Ferguson, M.D.

Business meeting:

The district chair, Laurie Hurst reported that all information has been submitted for the sunset process, and that a recommendation has been made to eliminate the CCAP program from the oversight of the TPTA. The TPTA is opposed, since the board of examiners has neither the staff nor the expertise to review continuing education courses. There will probably be an opportunity to contact our legislators to voice our opposition. It has been recommended that the PT board remain intact.

The TPTA office reorganization has been completed. Stacey Mather at the TPTA office is an expert at web meetings and will help get the February meeting on the web, connecting Mt. Pleasant, Tyler(host) and either Lufkin or Nacogdoches.

The August minutes were approved.

Laurie gave the treasurer’s report and noted that the scholarship money for the bridge program has been added to the budget (\$250.00). The budget has been submitted to TPTA.

Vice-chair position is still open and needing nominations.

Membership: The committee is still working on the survey for lapsed members. Polly will need help with phone calls. Don Hayden wanted to look over survey before it goes out.

GAC: PAC envelopes were passed to members present, as it is important to have funds to support campaigns before the legislative session.

PR liaison Lauren Swetnam has set up the auction and the raffle tickets. Raffle tickets were given to board members to sell before the November meeting. Our district web page needs to be updated, but advice is needed from TPTA to make changes.

Geriatric symposium: Josh Megli needs speakers for the symposium. The ethics course will be added to the symposium. The date of the symposium will be April 21 and 22, 2017.

Respectfully,  
Ann Huffstetter, PTA  
District Secretary