

Minutes of the East Texas District
September 19, 2019

The East Texas District met at Longview at C.O.R.E. and for those who could not travel because of Hurricane Dorian, via Go to Meeting. The district thanks C.O.R.E. for hosting the meeting.

The second announcement that the ETD will adopt Robert's Rules of Order in place of bylaws was given.

The treasury needs to fund someone to attend the APTA Federal Advocacy Forum, a nominee for the Tom Waugh Leadership Program, and the scholarships to the PTA programs in the district. Polly will send a letter to the district asking for donations to fund the extra activities. About \$2500.00 is required.

The September fund raiser was cancelled since the restaurant has changed ownership.

Direct access has gone into effect, and has been published in the Texas Register. The PT board has established the rules. The comment period extends until November 1, 2019. Some members of the ETD "piggybacked" off Southeast District's meeting on 9/17 for more about direct access. Compromises had to be made in order to obtain direct access.

The law suit against TPTA has been resolved. Mike Gelhoed, PT thanks all who helped with the resolution.

APTA has an app, PTaction which is helpful for legislative activities, such as CMS actions.

HOD: resolutions are starting, including efforts to reduce student debt. Further ideas are welcome. Email Laurie with concerns. llhurst53@gmail.com

The petition adding PTAs to the telehealth rules has been received to the PT board.

Texas Annual Conference will October 12-13, 2019.

The continuing education for the evening was: Telehealth: Creating Freedom for Providers and Access for Patients, presented by Mark Milligan, PT who helped with the petition to include PTAs in telehealth, for 1.0 CCU, via Go To Meeting.

The next meeting will be at Kilgore Junior College, including a presentation from the scholarship recipient, Holly Gascamp on November 21, 2019.

Respectfully,

Ann Huffstetter, PTA
District Secretary