

North East Tennessee Nurse Practitioners Association

March 18, 2010

The program tonight is about Embeda, an extended release morphine sulfate and naltrexone hydrochloride. The speaker tonight will be Ben Meeks, he is a FNP with Pain Management Associates. Our sponsor tonight is Jeff Snodgrass from King Pharmaceutical.

For those who were not able to attend the meeting please feel free to go to the Embeda web site at www.embeda.com.

The meeting was called to order by Susan Reed. If the membership needs to get in touch with Susan, please email her first, her email address is reeds@etsu.edu.

First order of business will be a vote for the position of Secretary. Motion was made for Ruth Johnson to assume to Secretary's position for the remainder of the year. Motion passed.

Dues for the 2010 year are due, \$35.00 per year for FNPs, \$15.00 per year for students. All dues need to be paid to Linda Quillen. Make checks made out to NETNPA and can be mailed to Linda Quillen at: 983 J Shoun Road, Mt. City, TN 37683.

If you have any information to share with the group, such as, jobs, CME, email Susan. There is a job opening at BRMC Advanced Illness and Palliative Care, Contact Marjorie Wilson.

The Primary Care Conference will be March 29th – April 1st.

Legislation – Jenny Walls

Next Tuesday the Pain intervention bill will be introduced. Jason Mumpower is on the committee. This is 3-4 page legislation. Please call and make your voice heard. Visit the TNA legislation site for more information. After the vote please send your legislator a thank you note.

TNA – Cathy Forbes

The kickback committee – raises money for use by the lobbyists. Currently have \$6,800.00 in the budget, last year there was \$1,500,000.00. We need to generate more support for TN PAC. We will put a link on our web site for donations. We need to focus on individuals who support our issues, not organizations that are not affiliated with a political party.

A motion was made to donate \$2,500.00 to TN PAC, Motion passed.

When RSVP'ing for the meetings, cut and paste cordinofnp@charter.net. Hopefully this will eliminate the responses that are not getting through.

Nurse week awards nominations, Linda Quillen, Kathy Forbes, Jennie Walls, Claudia Cordino. The awards dinner will be May 11, 2010.

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Kathy and Linda paid for a one year TNA membership for one new ETSU grad student.

Claudia and Linda's term will expire October 2010, start thinking of whom you would like to nominate.

Next meeting will be April 15th, 2010 at the Meadowview Convention Center. The program will be on Lovaza, starting at 6:30 pm.