

April 10, 2007

FSMTA Suwannee Valley Chapter

Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Elizabeth Killebrew in absence of Secretary, John French

Hospitality: Our Hospitality Chairs provided a generous, varied, tasty, and attractive offering for all to enjoy.

Meeting Call to Order: President, Matthew Grubb.

General Welcoming Comments and overview of agenda for this meeting.

Old Business:

President gave reminder: Legislative Awareness Days is April 24 & 25. Call to action of membership to express to legislators in “hometown” offices as well as Tallahassee concerns re issues affecting LMT work in Florida.. One meeting attendee raised question how to find legislators. Answer: legislators’ entire contact detail entry is found in the “My Florida.Com” pages, as well as in the City phone book.

Overview was given of issues which need Florida LMT attention. Several pieces of legislation are being considered. SB 1124 (cutbacks of healthcare)SB 1880 (PIP insurance “sunset” in 2007 is a threat again).

Discussion from the floor initiated by visitor, Wendy Noon, concerning possibility of having audiovisual display (slideshow or DVD playing) to illustrate with dramatic pictures before /after massage treatment scenes. She said she has a library of DVDs etc which could be used. The suggestion was met with enthusiasm. President noted that any presentation must be coordinated under auspices of our State Legislative Chair, Ron Frers, and FSMTA Central Office. It was suggested that a proposal be directed to Ron Frers. Comment from a member: having such a presentation prepared/refined, cleared/approved

for this year's Legislative Awareness activity in the Rotunda was not likely since we have less than 2 weeks before we are there. It would be a truly valuable, and VERY attention-getting feature for our Tallahassee L.A.D. visit in 2008. Question raised: how to best get in touch with Ron Frers. Answer: initially email I= his name and email address is listed in the front of the FSMTA Massage Message magazine sent to each FSMTA member bimonthly.

President resumed subject at hand - the legislative issues and repeated a "Call to Action" of LMTs to contact and voice opinions/concerns on legislation pending which affects Bodywork Industry: The President commented that PIP Insurance potentially being "sunsetted" is important for everyone who drives a car and has no other protective accident insurance other than PIP. It is also a negative on the Massage profession in Florida where clients being seen under insurance are concerned.

Discussion was initiated from the floor with wide participation regarding difficulty with attempts to complete application form to obtain NPI number. One member offered suggestion to bypass the entire ongoing NPI online "glitch" as she had by emailing the NPI site requesting a "hard copy of application be sent by mail. She received it in less than 10 days, completed and submitted it and bypassed the "glitches" involved in the NPI website processing.

The President cautioned everyone re printing errors on some of the new CMS1500 forms. Everyone "should check the upper right corner of the forms to see that there is a 1/4" space between the red arrow and the edge of the form paper. If there is no space, the alignment of the printed forms will make all data entry wrong. Check carefully."

Janina ... mentioned her husband's computer expertise might be helpful to individuals who have computer difficulties with completion of such forms.

The President expressed interest in contacting him for consulting service.

The President made highlight comments on membership drive currently ongoing til May 1: All LMTs urged to reach out and recruit new members to strengthen our presence and effectiveness as a group.

New Business:

Convention June 27- July 1 aqt OMNI Hotel, Orlando: The President gave comments on value and benefit of attending convention. He urged everyone to make plans early to take advantage of the REDUCED registration fee for “Early Birds” Registration forms for convention are expected to be mailed within the next two weeks. Only three present Chapter members firmly committed to attend.

Committee Reports:

Education: Chair reported upcoming CE opportunities: May 8 = Florida Law, taught by Pete Whitridge; June 12 = “Self Care Techniques” taught by Teresa Matthews; July 10 “Seated Massage” taught by Raymond Blayloch; July 14 = a FULL day course for Certification of “Seated Massage” taught by Raymond Blaylock; (More details to follow in later months); August 14 “ Shoulder Trigger Points NMT” taught by Mark Bigelow.

Public Relations: Chair reported a taped radio Q&A show is completed for local station in Gainesville. Air date TBA later. PSAs are planned for each of the other radio stations over the summer to call attention to FSMTA meeting dates and special event activities.

June 21 an invitation for FSMTA members to join with Elizabeth Killebrew who has a personal “5-year standing annual invitation” to provide seated massage in the Gainesville Health and Fitness/ Shands

Hospital “Women’s Health Advantage” Health Fair. Anyone interested should contact Elizabeth Killebrew to learn what specific criteria and requirements are to participate in this activity.

The President issued an invitation to any who care to join him in providing seated / table massage for the “Cancer Relay for Life, Friday eveing April 13, 6-10pm and the March of Dimes Lake City Walkathon Saturday April 14 at 9a.m.

Sports: Chair reported March 24 a team of 6 FSMTA LMTs performed seated / table massage for the March of Dimes Walkathon, were received well and invited back to participate as a team in 2008.

Meeting Minutes of March 13meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer reported we have \$2,629.55 in our account.

There being no further business, the President adjourned the meeting and presented our CE speaker: Mr Lee Thompson, President of the Sugar Dunes Chapter of FSMTA, Teacher in the Pensacola Massage School and New State Sports Massage Director for FSMTA. His HIV–Aids Update for 1 CEU. generated much animated participation and discussion, however, Mr. Thompson kept the class focused and thoroughly covered our central subject.

Respectfully submitted