

September 10, 2019

Dallas chapter AORN meeting

The meeting was called to order by President JD Buchert at 1809. For the first time, we used a new web based platform for our online meeting. Seven chapter members joined us electronically tonight. Zoom is able to monitor attendance at the CE presentation and so CEs are available to those who log in through Zoom and attend for the entire presentation.

JD welcomed us to the first chapter meeting of the 2019-2020 year. He went on to celebrate a number of visitors, both first time and returning after some amount of time as well as several who are mentors to him. In addition, the new leadership team was introduced.

The treasurer's report was given by Terri Goodman, Treasurer. Our monies are kept in one of three accounts. We have checking and savings accounts at Wells Fargo and a third account at Capital One that earns a higher rate of interest. Currently our total net worth is \$30, 514.23. The treasurer report is available on the chapter website. This year we earned \$2861.19 in interest and dues. Our biggest expense is usually in sending delegates to AORN Expo. This year we also purchased our web based platform for hosting meetings and other work groups. Total expenditures were \$7650.00.

Old business:

- 1) The Dallas chapter vendor fair is planned for Saturday, October 26, 2019 and will be held at UT Southwestern. Joslin is looking for speakers, vendors and volunteer workers from the chapter. Joslin will send information to anyone who knows of a sales rep who is interested in participating. She is also looking for 4 or 5 nurses who are interested in presenting.
- 2) CEs offered from the chapter – you must be there live for the entire presentation to obtain CEs. The same is true if you are listening online to the program. CEs will not be awarded retroactively or if someone listens to the program at some point after the initial presentation. When logging in, it is strongly suggested that members use their personal home email address. Our facility internet fire walls often impair access to the CE.
- 3) We have close to 400 members. One goal that JD has for this year is making participation open to more by utilizing the electronic platform. In addition, he hopes to reach the younger O.R. nurses.

New business

- 1) Vote results – the slate was supported by all of the members who voted. More people voted on this slate than have voted in the recent past. JD is focusing in the direction of defining and sharing tasks to complete vs. always having a named position to fill, encouraging the team concept.
- 2) JD's platform this year is the "go clear" campaign for smokeless O.R.s Several states have already passed laws requiring smoke evacuation in the O.R. JD plans a letter writing campaign to the state legislators and will seek collaboration with other chapters. TCORN (Texas Collaboration of periOperative Registered Nurses) used to represent Texas OR RNs but now more focuses on legislation. The state legislature will not meet until 2021 and in

the interim, TCORN invited all chapter presidents to come to a work session to map out some priorities. JD will attend.

- 3) Dallas AORN plans an outreach group. We would like to choose one group to work with all year to make a more focused impact. Be thinking of a group that you might want to bring to the attention of the chapter at our November meeting for consideration to support this year. Terri Goodman asked if a clinic would meet the criteria and speak about Woven. JD welcomes all options for consideration. In addition, we will still plan to adopt a family at Christmas as has been our tradition for many years.
- 4) The two websites (old and new) will merge into one website in the next month. Both urls will take you to the same place.
- 5) JD is re-initiating the member of the month and has selected Terri Goodman for this month. JD said "She has been there foundationally for the chapter working with me on advancing technology and access for our members."
- 6) Barbara Cashman from Elequil gave a brief presentation about aromatherapy specific to work on lethargy and nausea post surgery and to decrease the stress of MRI. Parkland is going to do a year-long trial on the product and anticipates publishing.
- 7) Our October fun event will be a wine and painting evening. A vote of tonight's attendees chose a time during the weekend. It will be a The Art of Wine on the northwest corner of Preston and Forest. December's fun event will be at JD's new home and will include some instruction and practice on cookie decoration.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50.

Our CE speaker for the evening followed. Dr. Girish Joshi, MBBS, MD, FFARCSI presented a well received talk on Enhanced Recovery After Surgery and the various options being investigated as being helpful around the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hammett – Secretary Dallas AORN