

Dallas AORN March 10, 2020

The meeting of the Dallas chapter of AORN was called to order at 1800 by President JD Buchert.

The Treasurer's Report was viewed by the chapter and can be found in the chapter website in the Dallas AORN March meeting.pptx. Susie Sharrock moved to approve the report and Danny Heath seconded the motion. The chapter approved.

JD spoke about the cancellation of the AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo. Expo is a significant method of raising funds for the organization. JD proposed \$2500.00 donation to AORN to help offset expenses. Once AORN canceled, the chapter effectively saved over \$9000.00 that would have been spent to send our 10 delegates to Anaheim. Danny Heath made a motion that the chapter donate \$2500.00 to national AORN. Susie Sharrock seconded the motion. Thirteen members were present and the motion passed. Note: after the meeting it was discovered that a quorum was not present and therefore that the vote was not valid.

Vangie Dennis, our speaker for the evening, spoke about the March 6, 2020 emergency called meeting of the national AORN leadership and the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo. They considered the health and safety of the membership and visitors from around the world. Many individuals and facilities had already begun to cancel their planned attendance at AORN Expo. As the national AORN leadership looked at the spread of COVID-19, they cancelled the 2020 AORN Expo. Vangie also spoke about the planned treasurer report that would have been presented at 2020 Expo, saying that AORN has had the best year ever with funds coming in from multiple sources. Insurance that AORN purchases for Expo meant no loss for cancelling Expo. Vangie encouraged all members to watch the videos of those running for national office for AORN and then VOTE! The last day to vote is March 31, 2020.

JD spoke to the need for young leaders to come forward to fill vacant offices in our local chapter. He appointed Danny Heath to work on developing a slate of candidates to serve during the upcoming year.

The TCORN meeting for 2020 is next Tuesday, March 17 if anyone would like to attend. Work continues to make Texas ORs smoke-free. There is also need for volunteers to go to Austin on October 28, 2020 to lobby for smoke-free ORs. Please let JD know if you are interested.

Susie Sharrock collected pop tops from cans that members have collected and thanked the membership for continuing to support Ronald McDonald House in the work they do for families with children receiving medical care.

The educational session tonight is on Smoke Evacuation presented by Vangie Dennis. A huge thank you from the chapter to ConMed for supporting the chapter with this presentation.

Submitted by Karen Hammett, secretary