

May 12, 2020

Dallas AORN chapter meeting and educational session held via Zoom meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President JD Buchert

Old business:

- Welcome and celebrations
 - The Dallas chapter received a 4 star rating from AORN (10% growth in membership, ORNL usage, greater than 6 meetings/events, CEs offered)
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- Treasurer's report
 - Total assets \$36,507.90
 - See Treasurer report posted separately on website
 - Discussion on a possible donation to the AORN Foundation for an endowed scholarship

At last month's meeting we voted on a contribution to AORN following the cancellation of the 2020 AORN Expo. On review, we did not have a quorum. More recent information revealed that AORN had insurance on the convention and did not lose monies on the cancellation. In addition, AORN has had the strongest year ever fiscally and does not need the monies. Treasurer Terri Goodman introduced discussion of a donation to the AORN Foundation in the form of an endowed scholarship. The \$2500.00 previously discussed for donation to AORN could instead be used to fund scholarships. An endowed scholarship is a \$25,000.00 investment that must be funded in 5 years. The Foundation does the work of deciding who receives the scholarship. Benefits of an endowed scholarship includes that it invests in our members and provides recognition for our chapter while also supporting our mission. Many other issues were discussed including

- Could we earmark an annual fundraiser toward this?
- Was original thought of \$2500.00 to go to the foundation or to AORN?
- Could it be used to assist chapter members who are working to attain their BSN? [Note: according to the March minutes, it was AORN]
- JD said the discussion at the leadership retreat would include the scholarship and annual fundraising.
- The Dallas AORN March minutes will be posted on the website tomorrow.
- The chapter leadership will be looking at the Dallas AORN ByLaws and will be re-structuring them at the leadership meeting this summer.

New Business

- Plans are underway for a leadership meeting this summer. Update of the bylaws and discussion of the endowed scholarship will be done at that meeting. Joslin hopes to have a date set up soon.
- Shera Jackson will be joining the leadership group.
- All are welcome to join the Leadership Team. Chapter elections are suspended at this time

- JD Buchert has been nominated to the national BOD.
- Welcome Joslin Swansfeldt, President 2020-2021.
 - Joslin plans to repeat the Vendor Fair Day with more advanced planning. She has many sales representatives interested in sponsoring a table.
 - Joslin plans to send a lot of information over the next several months.
 - Joslin hopes to have information soon about meetings for next year. Consideration for size of meetings allowed in person are being discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1838.

The educational meeting for the evening is “The Science of Ancient Remedies and Why We Use Them Today”, presented by Jesse Cantu, Medela’s clinical nurse specialist, and hosted by Medela LLC’s rep, Chester Jurskis. Many thanks for an informative presentation!

Submitted by Karen Hammett, Dallas AORN Secretary