

May 11, 2021

Attendees: Marc Apolonio, Norma Applewhite, Joan Ballard, Andrea Barron, Kate Bhore, JD Buchert, Barbara Crim, Cavelle Frederick, Karen Hammett, Sherah Jackson, Barbara Kershaw, Suzan New, Alysia Roberson, Chasity Seymour, Sinu Samuel, Joslin Swanfeldt

Joining for the CE presentation: Joanne Oliver-Coleman from Houston

The May meeting of the Dallas AORN chapter was called to order at 1805 by President Joslin Swanfeldt. She wished us all a Happy Nurses Week!

Old business:

- The minutes of the March Dallas AORN meeting were approved as published on the chapter website.
- The Treasurer's report was presented.

New business:

- By vote of those in attendance, Karen Hammett will serve another term as secretary of the chapter.
- The Dallas Chapter has been granted a 4 star rating for 2020!
- AORN Expo is to be held in Orlando FL August 7 – 10, 2021. Joslin opened a discussion asking for input about delegate criteria. She reported that we could probably have between 11 and 13 delegates. Andrea Barron reported that her previous chapter had a point system based on things like attendance at chapter meetings. Suzan New mentioned that her participation on a national committee prevents her from attending every Dallas AORN chapter meeting. JD Buchert recommended reaching out to newer OR nurses to encourage them to attend EXPO and suggesting they write a letter of their interest and what they felt like they would gain as a mechanism of determining who to include in receiving some funding. Chapter members interested in attending Expo are JD Buchert, Barbara Crim, Terri Goodman, Karen Hammett, Beverly Kirchner and Suzan New. Barbara Crim made a motion that the final decision for 2021 AORN delegate funding be made by the Dallas Board of Directors. Marc Apolonia seconded the motion and the motion passed. JD encourages all of us to encourage potential delegates to contact him at [jdbuchert@att.net](mailto:jdbuchert@att.net) by June 15, 2021. Register by June 11, 2021 to save \$100 (early bird special)!
- AORN news:
  - AORN Leadership Mastery starts June 9.
  - Multiple webinars are available and free to members. Registration is on the AORN website.
  - An online prep for CNOR is available through AORN. The course will be held June 12 -13, 2021.

Joslin thanked the chapter for their support during the last year and turned the meeting over to JD Buchert, incoming chapter president.

JD gave a brief presentation of the changes he envisions. He plans a leadership team instead of the old structure, allowing people to commit to projects they are interested in. He will send a mass email with the entire year's calendar including Zoom meeting appointments. JD believes we will have the option to meet in person again and has received approval for us to meet at Parkland. In addition, Parkland will cover parking. He plans on utilizing our social media site and webpage to provide information and frequent updates to the members. JD plans to encourage AORN members to start developing presentations to present at future meetings. He listed upcoming projects as defining delegate criteria and the expectations of a delegate. JD's theme for next year is Together Again: It's time to re-energize, re-group and re-commit! He spoke about possible state and national opportunities and mentioned Texas HB 4611 which speaks to workplace violence.

JD read a thought provoking article titled Advice from a Patient, a reflection of the thoughts and perceptions of a patient in the hospital for care who needs our understanding and care.

The meeting closed at 1841.

Tonight's CE presentation is Workplace Violence. The speakers for the presentation are Karen Garvey, Judy Herrington and JD Buchert. They would like to get honest feedback about the presentation and hope to take it to local nursing schools.

Watch for an email from Terri Goodman within the next few days with information about your CE. The session was recorded and will be available to others to watch and submit their CE form. Look for information on the website! The session must be watched and the evaluation completed in 30 days, by June 10, 2021.

Submitted by Karen Hammett,  
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