

Dallas AORN meeting
March 21, 2023

The March meeting of the Dallas AORN chapter was called to order at 1810. Our educational session was presented by Mae de la Rosa, the Megadyne clinical nurse specialist for Ethicon. She has just been in Austin, Texas speaking with legislators about the surgical smoke issue. Her presentation is titled "Understanding Surgical Smoke". Surgical smoke legislation has been enacted in 10 states currently. They are Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island and Washington.

The business meeting began at 1853 with President Elect Kate Bhore presiding.

- *The January minutes were approved and will be posted.
- *The treasurer's report was presented and is posted on the website.
- *The cookbook project is underway. Contribute your great recipes electronically via dallasaorn@gmail.com. We would also love to include pictures of the recipe or chapter members enjoying the food. Our goal is to have it completed by Christmas.
- *The candidates for secretary for the chapter are Sherah Jackson and Joslin Swanfeldt. Voting will be conducted online and will be open from 3/22 through 4/7.
- * The Vendor Fair is being planned for May 6 with a Cinco de Mayo theme. The hours will be 0830 to 1400 and breakfast and lunch will be included. Four CEs will be provided. The cost will be \$20 member/\$35 non-member and the event will be held at Parkland. Help will be needed the day of the vendor fair! Watch for a flier about the event and post it in your lounge.
- *Delegates to AORN Expo are Kate Bhore, JD Buchart, Cavelle Frederick, Terri Goodman, Karen Hammett, and Greg Jeter. All will present information learned at the May chapter meeting.
- *Unfortunately our online AORN store has closed as there have not been enough orders placed.
- *JD spoke about Perioperative Nurses Day at the Capitol and support for the Texas House bill regarding surgical smoke.
- *Mae will check with Ethicon to see if she can share her powerpoint from today's educational session. CEs can be requested through Mae at mdelar10@its.jnj.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 1915.

Submitted by Karen Hammett, secretary of Dallas AORN