

Los Angeles Chapter AORN

February 10, 2016

MEETING MINUTES

The LA Chapter of AORN met face to face at Glendale Adventist Medical Center Marsh Conference Room February 10, 2016. At 17:05 Dinner and beverages were enjoyed as the members gathered for networking.

1. Welcome and Introductions – Suzy Axt introduced herself and the members present introduced themselves and noted their specialties and where they currently work.
2. AORN Marketing Manager Corey Wulff was introduced as our guest to present the opportunities available at the AORN Surgical Conference & Expo being held this year in Anaheim April 2-6. There are 65+ educational sessions designed to generate ideas and provide training for all professionals. It is frequently attended by more than 4,000 of our colleagues from around the world. AORN wants to make sure as many people as possible get the chance to attend. The EXPO ROAD SHOW provided everyone with an opportunity to receive
 - \$100 off the full Expo registration fee
 - The buddy program that saves \$150 for two staff that share the week
 - Raffle tickets for
 1. One free registration (Yoonjoo Tae)
 2. \$500 Visa gift card (Linda Rogers)
 3. Amazon Gift cards \$150 (Pat Benton, Annie Veneracion)
 4. Starbucks gift card (Luz Lavacude)
 5. Free copy of AORN Guidelines for Perioperative Practice (S. Axt)

Corey discussed the speakers for AORN including Amy Purdee, the 25th Anniversary of the AORN Foundation and the opportunities on the exhibit floor for hands on learning. The group enjoyed the excitement and raffle and most went home winners!

3. Mission to Armenia Presentation – S. Axt
 - a. Glendale Adventist Medical Center (GAMC) held a Mission trip to Noyemberian Armenia October 14 through Oct. 25, 2015. The hospital is near the north eastern border of Armenia and had been identified by the Armenia Fund as needing assistance. It is the only hospital close to the border and the military conflicts. GAMC is extremely interested in supporting it's Armenian community and in finding a facility where they can establish an ongoing relationship. Equipment that was donated were 2 ambulances, 2 anesthesia machines, OR equipment including bovie, lights, suction, all disposables and instrumentation for a variety of procedures. The OR performed 35 surgeries while there. Surgeries included hernias, lap chole's, frenulectomy, and exc. Mass neck. The clinic saw about 800 patients with coverage from pediatrics to cardiology. The clinic provided meds mostly for cardiac issues and have kept supplying all patients with meds to date. Pictures were presented showing the one sterilizer, the soaking methods, the drying racks, the grateful patients and the beautiful countryside.

The group met with the Minister of Health the first day and were invited to a special session with the President of Armenia on their last day.

4. Business Meeting
 - a. Treasurer's report – The January Treasurers report was presented. The chapter has a current balance of \$21,255.83
 - b. 2015 Chapter Requirements were presented to the group. They had been submitted by end of 2015 and were accepted by Deb Warren from AORN
 - c. Available documents for review were AORN Bylaws, AORNLA Bylaws, and AORNLA code of Conduct.
5. Delegate Willingness to Serve Forms were completed by interested applicants for review and finalization prior to the end of February, 2016.
6. Open Discussion – Members identified need for new email list. Emails of current attendees were reviewed and a new list will be created as approx. 10% of the names on the current list are no longer valid.
7. CEU distribution and collection of posttest.
8. Meeting Adjournment at 7:45pm