



AORN Los Angeles Chapter #0507 Agenda November 8, 2017

Welcome & Introductions

Presentations:

- a. Preventing Hypothermia Pattie Benton
- b. Malignant Hyperthermia – Where’s the MH Cart? Debra Guy

Business Meeting

- a. Minutes September 13, 2017 Suzy Axt
- b. Treasurer’s Report Pattie Benton
- c. Chapter Merge with East San Gabriel Valley update
- d. Meeting topic/location suggestions
- e. AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo 2018
 - i. New Orleans
 - ii. Call for Delegates
- f. Available for review: AORN Bylaws, AORNLA Bylaws, Code of Conduct, Officer Duties

Open Discussion/Networking

Adjournment

Next Meeting: February 2018



AORN-LA CHAPTER #0507

MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2017

1. WELCOME – INTRODUCTIONS

The LA Chapter met face to face at USC Keck Medical Center in the Cardinal Room. Networking time was provided as the members gathered and selected their meal options. The meeting was opened at 17:30 by Chapter President Suzy Axt. Ms. Axt introduced herself and went around the room asking that attendees say a few things about themselves to the group.

2. PRESENTATION

A. Preventing Hypothermia

Presented by Pattie Benton, RN – Staff RN, OR Department, Keck Medical Center @ USC

Pattie gave an informative presentation on the topic of hypothermia. She provided an overview that touched on who it affects, what to look for in terms of symptoms, how it manifests, and ways to prevent it.

B. Where's the MH Cart?

Presented by Debra Guy, RN – Clinical Educator, Perioperative Services, Adventist Health Glendale

Debra's presentation discussed the importance of having a plan to follow in the event an MH crisis occurs. She discussed in methodical detail how malignant hyperthermia is triggered, & what current practices are followed (36 vials of Dantrolene in 60cc syringe; Revonto powder alternative). To impress upon her audience the importance of being aware of the symptoms of MH, and the protocol to follow in order during an MH crisis, she referenced an example of an MH case which involved a young child who was rushed to the hospital with unexplained, uncontrolled high temperature, muscle tightness and inability to open mouth for intubation. The ill-prepared hospital staff misdiagnosed the child's symptoms, did not render proper aid specific for MH cases and as a result, the child passed away. Debra stressed the importance of making sure staff are trained when a Code MH is called, and to be sure that their facility's policy on the subject is current and follows the MHAUS standards of practice. Of significance is the fact that MH can occur anywhere intubation occurs and that outlying areas must have equipment & meds available within 10 minutes. TJC is auditing education & response in areas other than the OR.

3. BUSINESS MEETING

A. The minutes from September 13th were approved as read.

B. Treasurers report - Pattie Benton, Chapter Treasurer reported the following:

1. After the \$500 contribution to the AORN-Houston chapter for Hurricane Harvey disaster relief which was unanimously approved at our September 13th meeting, our chapter had an Opening Balance of \$13,168.33. A deposit of \$2,113.25 was made from membership renewal dues, bringing the Closing Balance to \$15,281.58.



2. The merge of the East San Gabriel chapter to AORN-LA chapter added over \$22K to our closing balance from their chapter's funds.
 3. With the AORN-LA chapter's financial health on the upswing, it was proposed to investigate offering scholarship opportunities to our active members.
- C. Chapter Merge with East San Gabriel Valley update**
1. Total membership for AORN-LA chapter increased by well over 200 members from the merge with East San Gabriel's chapter. This will be discussed at the Board meeting December 9th.
 2. The merge is now complete with headquarters and all members info has been merged.
- D. Meeting topic suggestions**
1. Mentoring
 2. PDSA's (Plan, Do, Study, Act)
 3. PI Projects
 4. Teamwork – "Team Steps" [2-day workshop]
 5. Trauma Cases - How to Survive an active shooter [2-day seminar]
- E. AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo 2018**
1. New Orleans – Saturday, March 24th 2018 Mandatory Q/A Session required to attend to fulfill obligation of willingness to serve for entitlement to reimbursement by chapter.
 2. Call for Delegates
 - i. We have been assigned 23 delegates for 2018 and will send as many as possible.
 - ii. If you are interested in being a delegate, please complete the Willingness to Serve form.
 - iii. Costs will be determined based on the # of delegates sponsored by the chapter.
- F. Handouts available for review:**
1. AORN Bylaws
 2. AORN-LA Chapter Bylaws
 3. Code of Conduct and
 4. Officer Duties

4. OPEN DISCUSSION/NETWORKING

- A. Proposed meeting topics were discussed. 2018 Chapter Meetings: February 21st date confirmed. Specific dates in the months of May, September and November are TBD. What dates, times, locations do our members prefer to make time to be available to meet and participate.
- B. Challenge members who attend to recruit fellow nursing staff (co-workers) to attend.
- C. Saturday date will also be considered.

5. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 19:40. Attendees were encouraged to become active, attend meetings and bring a friend, everyone is welcome.

6. Next Meetings: February 21, 2018 Location TBD