**AORN Meeting Minutes**

**Fat Boy’s Pizza – February 28, 2024**

Called to order at 5pm by Sharon Guardina. Thank you to **Steris** for sponsoring this month’s meeting and educational offering.

1. **Officer and Board Member Reports (**Treasurer report, etc.)

**Treasure** – Sharon Guardina for Shaunna Leger

Debits - $6,613.41 (Vendor Fair expenses plus registration for 5 delegates)

Deposits – National AORN, Vendor Fair proceeds and educational grant from Molnlycke

ending balance of $16,436.40

NOTE: Almost $4000 .00 profit from Vendor fair

**Minutes** – posted on website.

1. **Old Business:** 
   1. Newsletter moving to website- Please check website for meeting details. Newsletter will include the President’s message and Flyer for next meeting – EVERYTHING ELSE will be posted on our website. www.aornofneworleans.com
2. **New Business:**

\***Bylaws** – There will be a Bylaw review and update in 2024. Sharon Guardina/Nathalie Walker will co-chair the committee. Shannon Hayes, Mary Anne Toledano and Sheila Ostrow are on the committee.

\***Expo** - 2024 Expo will be in Nashville, TN, March 9-12, 2024. Our chapter has 10 delegates assigned. Future sites are Boston 2025, New Orleans 2026, and Philadelphia 2027. The board has discussed their Expo experiences from 2023. For example, the 30-minute educational sessions, having only 4 days of Expo, ability to discuss clinical issues/solutions esp. at Forums and House, time to ask questions at end of sessions, reports given at Forum and House of Delegates could presented in other ways. The Board (Nathalie) will compose a letter to AORN headquarters voicing these concerns.

\***Delegates to Expo** – Camille Perniciaro will be chair. Each delegate will need to attend ALL Forums and House of Delegate sessions. Delegates are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the topics being discussed at the Expo. Chapter delegates are encouraged to read the AORN Journals to review topics to be discussed during these sessions.

1st Forum – Sunday March 10, 2024, at 930a

2nd Forum Monday March 11, 2024, at 900a

House of Delegates – Tuesday March 12, 2024, at 200p.

\***State Council** – meeting and social planned during Expo on Sunday, March 10th at 645p at City Tap on 3rd Ave, Nashville. There will be food and a cash bar. Officer candidates and current board members have been invited.

\*National Town Hall/Conversation with Kerilyn Vox Johnson – concerned about only being able to list officers and board members on the Chapter officer page and Chapter portal. Kerilyn said this was a headquarters decision and would not be changed.

\*Guidelines presentation – deferred to next meeting due to Steris presentation.

1. **Committee Reports:**
   1. **Bylaws –** refer to New Business
   2. **Socials**
   3. **Nursing Research**
   4. **Ways and Means**
   5. **Community Service** – Sharon brought eyeglasses to Lions Club and St Vincent de Paul. The New Orleans Medical Mission Gala is being planned for October. The warehouse is open on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9-1 for volunteers to assist with organizing and preparing for upcoming trips.
   6. **Membership**
   7. **Newsletter –** refer to Old Business
   8. **Nominating Committee** – Roxanne McNally

Chaired by Roxanne – nominations are being accepted for the 2024–2025 term. The ballot will close 30 days after the April Newsletter is printed. An Official ballot will be sent in the May Newsletter with voting instructions and the winners will be announced at the May meeting. The newly elected officers will be installed in June at our Installation ceremony. A Willingness to Serve form can be found in the upcoming March Newsletter. Please consider serving your chapter and being active in your professional organization. The positions available are President-elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Board Members X3. If an officer works at a facility with a clinical ladder, being an officer provides extra credit for your clinical ladder.

**2024 Meeting Schedule**

March 9-12, 2024 – Expo in Nashville, Camille Perniciaro will be Delegate Chair

March 27, 2024 – sponsored by Stryker

April 24, 2024 – sponsored by Molnlycke

May 22, 2025 – Social

June 2024 – Installation

**Pearls of Wisdom – Nora Lambert**

“There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they’re falling in.” – Bishop Desmond Tutu

**Guest Speaker and Presentation:**

Presentation by Cody Troutt with Steris. Cody discussed “Point of Use Treatment Where Successful Processing Begins”. Point of Use process is the removal of gross soil and preparing instrumentation for transport. Cody discussed the difference between Gross versus Bioburden, the process of soil removal and how to safely transport contaminated instrumentation. The program was approved for contact hours.

Next meeting March 27, 2024 – sponsored by Stryker. Business meeting adjourned for educational presentation.

Minutes submitted,

Melissa Guidry