



AORN Meeting

Thursday, January 8th

6:30 pm

Front Street Brewery

208 East River Drive, Davenport

Speaker: Brady Keegan – Stryker Medical

Maxillofacial Injuries: Perioperative Patient Care

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Minutes: November 12, 2014

The November meeting was held at Pizza Ranch, 880 Lincoln Road in Bettendorf. President Sue Goddard-Gerrald called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm, with 5 members and 3 guests present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the September meeting were included in the September newsletter. They were approved with one correction – Gina State was a guest of Julie Shafer, not Sue Goddard-Gerald

Treasurer's Report: Balance in checking is \$3,452.83, with \$91.21 in savings.

Membership: 44 members

Legislative Report: AORN nurse week is November 9-15. Letters have been sent to area legislators with Sue receiving a response from Iowa senator Rita Hart. Illinois governor Quinn has issued a proclamation identifying November 9-15 as perioperative nurse week.

A bill has been introduced in Congress to amend Title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgery centers in determining meaningful EHR use. The *Electronic Health Fairness Act of 2014* was introduced to address the concern that in 2015 physicians must have at least 50% of their patient encounters in a setting with a certified electronic health record to avoid penalties. As yet, there is not a requirement for ASCs to have an EHR system and certification standards have not been created. H.R. 5556 would exempt patient encounters in ASCs from being counted towards a physician's meaningful use requirement.

On October 29th, President Obama delivered remarks from the East Room of the White House on American health care workers efforts to fight Ebola. Danielle Glover, AORN Government Affairs Associate was present for the event. The President called on the nation to honor health care workers as American Heroes.

The Illinois legislature has introduced verbiage into the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center licensing requirements that will include AORN Standards of Practice in developing the infection control program.

Fundraising: We will proceed with the nut sales. Order forms will be distributed by October 6th, with orders due back to Sue Goddard-Gerald by October 31. This should allow for delivery by November 24th and nuts can be distributed by Thanksgiving.

Old Business: Our request for tax exempt status has been approved. This information will be included when we respond to AORN headquarters concerning the accountability standards.

The revisions to the bylaws have been approved and need to be forwarded to Headquarters. As Secretary, Becky will take care of this.

As a reminder, AORN newsletters can be accessed on the Genesis website:

<http://www.genesishealth.com/services/surgery/aorn>. It will be included in the careers section.

New Business: The policy manual will need to be reviewed to incorporate changes in the revised bylaws. Becky has volunteered to work on this.

Education: A big thank you to our speaker Doug Stepenske and Terri Sontheimer from 3M, who presented Beyond SCIP: Leading the Way to SSI Reduction.

Respectively Submitted

Becky Gluesing, Secretary/Treasurer

HOPE TO SEE YOU JANUARY 8TH