

**Oquenock PTA
General Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by PTA President Mary Louise Cairo at 7:45PM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. 26 members attended.

- President,
Mary Louise Cairo:** Mary Louise thanked Kristina Delaney and Julie Siano for their hospitality efforts. The Variety Show date is tentatively set for May 29. We are looking at holding the show at Udall MS at 6:30PM. Additional information is forthcoming. A new 'Getting to Know Oquenock' Kindergarten Orientation program is being offered from 9:30AM-10:15AM on three dates – March 24, April 15, and May 15. We need six volunteers at each event. The PTA and Corps Club are launching 'Pennies for Patients'. Flyer forthcoming. Each teacher will receive a bank for penny collection. There is a Gifts n Things fair coming up in Commack. It may be a good place to get ideas for next year. If the proposed Class Parent plans go through, the new program will be piloted in K & 1st. Unit Procedures were made available for review by the general membership.
- Recording Secretary,
Allison Reichel:** Minutes from the last meeting were accepted as submitted.
- Treasure,
Nicole Cassagnau:** The Treasure's Report was accepted as submitted. Proposed changes to the budget were submitted for approval. The proposed changes were accepted as submitted.
- Council Delegate,
Lesley Keane:** Handouts about talking to children about the economy were provided on the Oquenock PTA website. Dr. Blau reviewed construction plans and estimated completion dates for the district. The Blood Drive has been rescheduled for April 20.
- Principal,
Dawn Morrison:** Mrs. Morrison thanked the Oquenock Families for the monies received from Target. Thank you to the PTA for the last movie night and ice cream. Thank you to Mrs. Hudson and Ms. Cahill for their hard work on the play. Thank you to Mrs. Monaco for the PTA Newsletter. Thank you to the PTA Recycling Team for money raising efforts. Thank you to Mrs. Cannarella for her hard work during Health & Wellness Week and for the assembly Thursday morning. Thank you for participation in the Fun Run. Oquenock took the 3rd place participation prize with 79 people. Congratulations to Mrs. David and Mr. McManus for their Founder's Day Awards. The new Character Ed topic is Trustworthiness. NYS Math 3-5 State tests have been scored and hopefully results will be back by EOY. Reminder that there is an early dismissal on April 3 at 2:50PM. Thank you for your patience with the playground. It will be done as soon as possible.
- Teacher Liaisons,
Mrs. Bonkov and
Mrs. Dragelin:** Thank you for the great book fair and Dental Health Assembly.
- Board of Education,
Rich Hujik:** BOE is working hard on a creative budget. Infinite campus is up and running. WI Summit Coalition has been designed to bring together different groups to speak on revitalization of West Islip. Pre-Summit meeting will be held in April.
- Membership,
Lisa Rudolph:
Ways and Means,** Lisa Rudolph is closing out membership. There are 233 current members. Lesley reported that Oquenock Nights @ Wendy's night raised \$79.50.

Lesley Keane:	The movie night was a success and all food donations were given to Our Lady of Lourdes.
Health and Wellness, Sharon Canarella	Slim Goodbody Assembly is scheduled for March 12. Allergy and Nutrition presentation was last night. Wacky Workout Wednesday is being planned. There is a School Wellness Forum on March 20 at the Crowne Plaza in Holtzville. This is a free, informative event.
Book Fair	The book fair was very successful raising \$1,100.
Ways and Means, Kristina Delaney	This event was cancelled.
Environment, Jenn Delaney	Two more can/bottle drops offs are planned, last Saturday of the next two months from 10:00AM – 1:00PM.
PARP, Claire Weber	Starts Monday with a Bon Voyage pizza party at lunch. Each student will receive a \$5 Barnes and Noble gift card.
Yankee Candle, Kristina Delaney	We sold \$7,500 worth of products and will receive back approximately \$3,011.
Yearbook, Renee Marino	Yearbook is underway. The committee received four full pages of community dedications. The deadline for any last minutes submissions is March 15.
Community Readers	We have escorts and readers. We are trying to get celebrity readers. Celebration will occur at the culmination of PARP.
Mother's Day Sale, Jenn Delaney	Plants are ordered. The sale will take place on May 8.
Staff Recognition, Claire Weber	Planning is underway.
New Business	Unit Procedures were submitted for approval. It was requested that Health and Wellness be added as a Standing Committee. The Oquenock PTA Unit Procedures were accepted with proposed changes. Debbie Longhorn announced that Oquenock is currently looking into being the hosting school of an after school mad Science program this summer. Jenn Delaney requested that Oquenock consider adopting a soldier that is an alumni of Oquenock.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00PM.