

This meeting was called to order at 9:30AM. Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and President's Report, Mary Lousie Cairo – leftover items from Fall Festival were made available for sale. Minutes from last meeting were accepted as presented. PTA Handbooks were also made available. The Bulb Fundraiser made a profit of approximately \$800. All teachers have their Rocket Reader charts and the program is progressing well. The Fall Festival was a great success and enjoyed by all. We raised approximately \$5,000, final figures are not yet available. Anyone who received an immunization letter from the district needs to have their child immunized by the stated deadline. The emergency phone system was tested and Oquenock families participated in the test. All Oquenock improvement plans were submitted to the State and should be approved within 26 weeks. The playground equipment has been selected and should be installed in the spring or summer. Sara Anchor is the new editor of BOE newsletter. A new committee to address bullying has been formed. Information about how to join will be forthcoming in the new newsletter. The West Islip Chamber of Commerce met on October 16. They are strongly encouraging people to support West Islip businesses. Stop-and-Shop is changing their design plan to include keeping the cleaners and liquor store. Construction should begin soon and the new store should be completed in approximately one year.

Corresponding Secretary's Report, Michelle Martinez – Healthy Lifestyles certificate was presented to Oquenock from the National PTA. A Fall Festival Thank You was received from Mrs. Morrison.

Treasurer's Report, Mary Louise Cairo (Nicole Cassagnau Absent) -- Opening balance \$5,415.61. Closing balance \$10,029.38. The budget was accepted as presented.

Historian, Diana McCarthy – is looking for photos from the Fall Festival to be posted on the PTA bulletin board. Pictures can also be mailed to Mrs. Morrison so that she can send them to the District for use on the district website and in the newsletter.

Council Delegate's Report, Lesley Keane – There is still an opening for Recording Secretary for Council. PTA Council is starting their nominating committee process and requesting volunteers. Kristina Delaney volunteered. November 6 is next council meeting at 7:30PM at Beach Street Middle School. Please submit all photos to Council Historian via Lesley Keane. The first Blood Drive is October 27 at Westbrook Elementary School.

Mrs. Morrison – thank you for the Fall Festival and for assisting with the Principal's breakfast. 90 students attended that participated in the library reading program last summer. November 18 State meeting will decide if there will be mid-year budget cuts. We will work together to deal with what comes over the next several years. The *Target Supports Education Program* has been successful. You can ask at Target about joining the program and Oquenock will receive a portion of your purchase. A bullying awareness assembly is scheduled for November. Teachers will participate in Workshops in the morning; students will attend during the school day. The BOA has approved the new playground and it should be installed by next summer. The permit process for the parking lot is in its beginning stages. New curricula head has been to Oquenock visiting classrooms. New literacy coach has been hired and will be visiting Oquenock. Fourth graders went to the Fire Island Lighthouse. K-2 went to the West Islip Fire Department. First graders went to the pumpkin farm to pick pumpkins. CAPS are coming in to discuss child abuse and neglect and make students aware what to look for. The Halloween parade is next Friday in

the parking lot. Parent conferences will be held November 3 from 6:00-9:00PM and all day on November 4. November 7, Friday, is the end of the first quarter. Report cards will be going home November 18. It was asked that Mrs. Morrison please discuss bullying policies with the recess aides as several incidents of bullying have been reported to parents.

Mary Louise Cairo – thank you and recognition for PTA member contributions to date.

Arts in Education, Lena Montes – attended event and will present suggestions.

Blood Drive, Allison Reichel – the first drive is October 27 at Westbrook. Babysitting will be available.

Membership, Jeannie Rocchio – 213 members to date.

Ways and Means, Donna Moran – Oquenock Nights Fundraiser will be November 11. Flyers are forthcoming.

Entertainment Books, Allison Reichel (for Michelle Paduano) – demo books and information will be sent home with students next week.

Mary Louise Cairo – the Fun Run is March 8. It is a WIDE event and includes a 5K run through West Islip. There is a health fair at the end of the run. Prize money will be used to buy gym equipment for Oquenock. We may have an Oquenock banner that we can use that day to promote school unity. On November 18, at Udual Middle School, there is a presentation from the MRSA at 7:00PM. Our next PTA meeting is November 18.

Pumpkin Sale, Lesley Keane -- Please send in \$2 per child this Friday. Bags will be provided.

Spirit Wear, Nicole Brickman – order deadline is Monday.

Book Fair, Helene Ferguson – November 3 and 4. A reminder will go out the week before.

Bedtime Stories, Julie Siano – November 21 from 7:00-8:00PM. Volunteers are needed.

Vendor Night, Susan Elberti – November 10 at Hibernian Hall in Babylon from 7:00-10:00PM. We already have several vendors lined up. Flyers are forthcoming.

Holiday Fair, Jean David – everything is ordered. Looking for volunteers.

New Business – Kindergarten Registration was discussed. Kristina Delaney voiced her concern about lack of teacher involvement/attendance at the Fall Festival. Kristina Delaney also was very pleased with the high school student involvement/participation at the event. Kristina also thanked the WI Fire Department for their participation. Please also note that the 99 cent store on Union Blvd, Produce Warehouse, and ACE Hardware also made large donations to the event. Clarification was asked for and given for the lack of CORPS participation at the Fall Festival.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:34AM.