



The State of *Friends* July 2018-June 2019

Membership:

- Active Membership was 147 as of June 30, 2019; total 2019-2020 fiscal year starting membership decreased by 29%.
- Held 4 membership drives

Communication:

- Published quarterly newsletters (*Just Between Friends*) for members
- Utilized e-mail to keep members informed of news and events
- Continually updated our *Friends'* website with current activities
- Updated date specific *Friends'* banners to advertise Garage and Book Sales the week before each event and hung at the Centereach building
- Maintained a *Friends'* information board on one of the information kiosks at the Centereach building
- Distributed *Friends* notepads, pencils, pens, and magnetic clips at membership drives
- Used the Middle Country Communication Electronic Board to advertise the *Friends* Book Sales and the Garage Sale

Support:

- Donated prize money for the annual **Island Idol** competition
- Assisted at the set-up and break down for the annual **Women's Expo**
- Contacted members, via newsletter, email and phone calls to remind them of the **Library Budget Vote**
- Donated to **Mujeras Latinas, Adult Summer Reading Program, Staff Appreciation Day, Middle Country Reads, International Museum Day, and Boomers and Seniors Fair**

Gifts:

- Awarded two \$500.00 *Friends'* sponsored scholarships for graduating high school seniors
- Donated Smart Board - \$4,276.00

Staff Recognition:

- Contributed funding support for **staff recognition** events

Fundraisers

Book Sales:

- Raised a total of \$3,648.15 from the **Fall and Spring Book Sales**; donated unsold items to The Long Island State Veteran's Home, Mather Hospital, Northport Veteran's Home, St. Cuthbert's Food Pantry, and St. Gerard Majella Thrift Store.

Garage Sale:

- Sponsored the 15th annual **Garage Sale** and raised \$1,210.00.

Comedy Show

- Raised a total of \$1,085.00 between ticket sales and raffles.

Five Guy's

- Raised a total of \$250.00, which was 5% of all sales made from 4 pm to 10 pm on October 22, 2018.

Panera's

- Raised a total of \$147.50, which was 20% of sale of people who brought in a flyer to Panera's between 4 pm and 8 pm on April 4, 2019.

Heritage Book Sales:

- Raised a total of \$100.00 from sales of the *Images of America - Centereach, Selden, and Lake Grove* book

Membership Income:

- Membership income was \$615.00 (a 29% decrease over last fiscal year)

Budget:

- Anticipated income was \$8,671.00; actual income was \$7,120.65
- Balance carried forward to 2019-2020:
 - Peoples Checking- \$6,795.70
 - Capital Money Market - \$4,963.90

Friends' Goals for 2019-2020

- Provide continued financial support to library programs and services
- Continue to implement a ***Friends'*** sponsored scholarship program
- Continue to distribute the '*Just Between Friends'* online newsletter shared via email and webpage
- Provide sales support for the **Images of America - Centereach, Selden, and Lake Grove** book
- Develop additional membership activities
- Explore alternative fundraising methods
- Increase membership and broaden members' involvement