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