The State of *Friends*
July 2021 - June 2022

**Membership:**
- Active Membership was 125 as of June 30, 2022

**Communication:**
- Utilized e-mail to keep members informed of news and events
- Continually updated our *Friends*’ website with current activities
- Maintained a *Friends*’ information board on one of the information kiosks at the Centereach building
- 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
- Contacted members, via newsletter, email and phone calls to remind them of the Library Budget Vote
- Donated to Mujeres Latinas, Adult Summer Reading Program, Staff Appreciation Day, Middle Country Reads, and International Museum Day

**Gifts:**
- Awarded two $500.00 *Friends*’ sponsored scholarships for graduating high school seniors
- Donated $500 to purchase gift books for infants and toddlers getting their first library card

**Staff Recognition:**
- Contributed funding support for staff recognition events

**Fundraisers**
- **Book Sales:**
  - Raised a total of $1,575.33 from the continuous lobby and Spring Book Sale; donated unsold items to The Long Island State Veteran’s Home, St. Cuthbert’s Food Pantry, and St. Gerard Majella Thrift Store

- **Garage Sale:**
  - Sponsored the 18th Garage Sale and raised $643.00

**AmazonSmile**
- Raised a total of $94.72 through purchases made by supporters on Amazon

**See’s Candies**
• Raised a total of $512.75 between two online fundraisers in December 2021 and April 2022

Heritage Book Sales:
• Raised a total of $30.00 from sales of the Images of America - Centereach, Selden, and Lake Grove book

Membership Income:
• Membership income was $600.00

Budget:
• Anticipated income was $4,450.00; actual income was $3,493.08
• Balance carried forward to 2022-2023:
  o Peoples Checking- $5,110.34
  o Capital One Savings - $5005.80

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Friends’ Goals for 2022-2023

• Provide continued financial support to library programs and services
• Continue to implement a Friends’ sponsored scholarship program
• Continue to distribute information about events and activities shared via email and webpage
• Develop additional membership activities
• Continue to offer regular fundraising opportunities
• Increase membership and broaden members’ involvement