WE ARE HERE!

History has been made! The first meeting of the Retired Teachers of Brentwood was held on October 30, 1991. It was an important moment for all of us. There was the excitement of meeting friends and old colleagues, of reminiscing and catching up.

Dot Zuckerman opened the meeting by explaining why it has taken so long to form a retirement group. Several attempts were made over the past two years, but BTA was not interested in having us become an affiliated chapter. This year NYSUT has restructured its procedure to make all retired teachers lifetime members, and to allow retirees to have an elected voice in the organization. Now we may automatically remain members of NYSUT and AFT (at no cost) either as a chapter of our local or as at-large members of the larger Election District. Since BTA has rejected our membership, we have decided to form an independent group which will still keep us involved in local, state, and national affairs.

Millie Eisenberg detailed the discussions with BTA, Jack Zuckerman spoke of our goals and the purpose for organizing, Miriam Massucci explained the committees to be formed, and June Dawson discussed plans for our next meeting.

Now the work begins to establish an organization that will welcome all retired Brentwood teachers - from the past and into the future.

In order to get moving as quickly as possible, four committees were formed: Governance - (to establish a written guide and structure to run the organization); Production - (to put out our newsletters and mailings); Social - (to plan for future meetings and programs); and Political Action - (to keep us aware of issues of importance such as health care and COLA). If you haven't yet signed up for a committee, call Dot (567-3866). There's still time and room for you.

Join us for our next meeting on December 4th! We need you and we need each other!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

November 19 - Election District 21 meeting; Marriott (Windwatch) Motor Pkwy. 10:00 a.m.

November 25 - CORTLI - 500 Portion Rd., Sachem; 10 AM

December 4 - meeting Brentwood Retirees; Di Pietro Center; 3 PM

December 16 - Last date to return ballots for Retiree Delegate Election

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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

June Dawson	Shirley Hodges
Millie Eisenberg	Edy Filosa
Elmon Kazandjian	Frank Lerche
Miriam Massucci	Mary Ruffino
Dot Zuckerman	Maria Di Tucci
Rhoda Oser	Jack Zuckerman

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