

## Homework Report: KV

### 1. SUNY

I contacted Linda Drake, Executive Director of SUNY Oneonta's Center for Social Responsibility and Community, with explanation of Welcome Wagon, emphasizing our interest in supporting all newcomers, including the academic community of students, staff, faculty and administration at SUNY. Mentioned a few of the ideas which we have started considering, eg baskets of offers, resource lists, and more, and regular Mayor's Receptions for Newcomers at Southside. While I did invite her to our Jan 4 meeting, she will be away. However, Linda Drake has joined our Task Force and has invited me to meet with her at her SUNY office on Dec 27, to familiarize her with what Task Force has discussed so far. I advised both Mark Drnek and Alberto Cardelle of this SUNY outreach/communication/collaboration. Linda plans to join our meetings going forward, and we have added her name and email to the list.

### 2. Realtor Community

While Bob Holstead heads our Realtor outreach, he has consulted with me regarding this area because I happened to meet Joan Fox at a Holiday Brunch, where she and I spent time talking about Welcome Wagon. This led Joan, of Keller Williams Upstate NY Properties, who is extremely interested in and supportive of Welcome Wagon Task Force, but has no time currently to participate herself, to refer Lisa Pindar, an interested member of Joan's Leadership Team. Following Bob's direction, we have invited Lisa Pindar to join. She is eager to work on this, has joined, and will be at our Jan 4 meeting. We have added her name and email to the list.

### 3. Faith Community AND Refugee Resettlement

Reverend Marti Swords-Horrell, the community-active pastor of the First United Methodist Church on Chestnut Street, Oneonta, as well as a founding member of Oneonta's Refugee Resettlement Coalition, has become a member of Welcome Wagon Task Force, most likely until May 2023. Reverend Marti brings representation of the Faith Community as well as an understanding of current events and potential advocacy issues regarding the welcoming needs of diverse refugees and other newcomers with changing lives. We have added Reverend Marti Swords-Horrell's name and email to the list, and she will join our Jan 4 meeting.

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