# Welcome Wagon

2/15/2023

**Present**: Kerri Harrington, Kathy Varadi, Lisa Pindar (Keller Williams), Marti Swords-Horrell (First United Methodist), Marcela Micucci (GOHS), Len Carson, Luisa Montanti, Bill Thomas, Todd Collins, Linda Drake (SUNY), Alex Douglas (Hartwick), Paul Singh, Rabbi Rubashkin

### **Introductions**

### **Discussion:**

Update on Newspaper coverage - photographer and writer, good to go in Daily Star, AllOtsego to follow. Reference readers to the All4Oneonta website to drive traffic.

Brief discussion about the Mayor's reception and its potential conflict with Shabbat.

4TownsForward: who are they, how can we connect and learn from them.

New Resident Form: captures info from newcomers, presented by Luisa. Some discussion on what "residency" means. Places to distribute: new employee packets, community orgs. Convo on how to connect with people. Committee members will email Luisa with feedback.

Mayor's Reception 4/14 at 4-6 in the community room at the Southside Mall, will divide up responsibilities at the next meeting.

## **Additional Discussion:**

Luisa, homelessness: Live music, 6 days a week in Muller Plaza. General agreement that it's outside the purview of the group.

Lisa Pindar: what does it look like to house Oneonta, provided data. Discussed strategies for connecting with employers and what

### **Next Time:**

- 1. History Day April 24th
- 2. Divide up tasks for Reception

Next meeting 3/15/2023 at 5pm, Council Chambers