

Thank you for your interest in serving as a member of the Board of Directors for Ames Waldorf Association (AWA) which oversees Prairie Flower Children's Center (PFCC). Serving on the board is a rewarding experience and an opportunity for personal and professional growth. Completing this form will help you understand the skills and time/resource commitments of this leadership position. You may find it helpful to read through the entire application and Board Member Responsibilities before you begin filling it out.

This application will be kept confidential. Applications are used by the Board to identify and evaluate potential board candidates. All new directors are elected by a majority vote of current board members at the annual meeting or when a vacancy arises.

BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Serves a minimum of one (1) two-year term on the Board. No more than three (3) consecutive full (2) two-year terms or eight (8) consecutive years in office.
2. Attends a one full board of directors meeting each month, in addition to special meetings and possible committee meetings. Meetings may be in person, via conference call or video call. *The Full Board of Directors meets the 1st Monday of every month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*
3. Regularly checks email and is available for phone consultation if needed.
4. Stays informed about board matters, is prepared for meetings, reviews and comments on minutes, reports, and email discussions.
5. Actively engages in fundraising for the organization in whatever way best suits you.
6. Participates in the board and committee's annual evaluation, planning efforts, and goal setting.
7. Actively promotes Ames Waldorf Association/Prairie Flower Children's Center, encourages and supports employees and volunteers, and works in the best interests of the organization.
8. Maintains confidentiality as defined by the organization policies and laws of Iowa.

Our Mission

Prairie Flower Children's Center will provide a learning experience inspired by the principles of Waldorf education which strengthens connections to nature and to community for all children and families who seek it.

Our Objectives

To operate a preschool/mixed-age kindergarten program inspired by the principles of Waldorf education and forest/nature schools.

To serve as a center for community activities related to Waldorf education and nature learning, such as parenting workshops, seasonal festivals, outdoor workshops and crafting programs.

Our Values

*Childhood *Imagination *Nature *Rhythm *Families *Community *Gratitude *Simplicity

Our Vision

- To *nurture* in children their innate senses of wonder, curiosity, and gratitude;
- To *honor* the freedom of unpressured & unhurried childhood as essential for healthy development and a healthy future;
- To *protect* the dreamy state of early childhood as their caretakers by always striving to create an atmosphere of well-being, harmony, and warmth;
- To *foster* in children and adults, their connection to and love for the natural world and its seasonal rhythms;
- To *build* a community in which children's minds, bodies, and spirits are nurtured at each stage of their development, and where adults and families are strengthened by their involvement.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: _____

Employment: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Number of Years in the Ames Area: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Educational Background: _____

Work History: _____

Family Information: _____

Community Activities: _____

BOARD CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

What interests you about serving on AWA's Board of Directors?

What has been your prior experience with nonprofit membership organizations?

Have you served (or are currently serving) on other nonprofit boards? If so, which one(s) and what was or is your role?

How much time will you be able to commit to board activities per month?

What type of leadership roles have you held?

What is your fundraising experience?

What is your finance experience?

What are your skills, talents, interests, and hobbies?

How do you think you can help AWA in fulfilling its mission?

What has been your experience with Waldorf Education and/or Early Childhood Education?

What can we do to ensure that your participation is meaningful, fulfilling and rewarding?