



The Anchorage  
**Waldorf School**

*Awakening Wonder*

## **Annual All-School Meeting**

On Tuesday, April 14, 2020, we held our first distance All-School Meeting. As we're all getting better with online formats, Zoom worked out well for us as about 30 families joined the meeting.

The spring meeting is led by our Board of Trustees and is used to update our community on the current status of the school. Board President Kim Thomas led the meeting, and Faculty Representative Shannon Herda hosted.

The Board formally invites you to attend the open Board meeting on Thursday, May 13 at 5:00 p.m. We will discuss in depth the current financial position of the school, recap the online auction, and discuss fundraising ideas for the next year, time permitting.

Below is a screenshot of our Zoom meeting. For a copy of the mp4 recording, contact Stef at [ed@waldorfak.org](mailto:ed@waldorfak.org). Please note it is a very large file.

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## Faculty News

**WEEKLY RHYTHMS** Many thanks for your willingness to add the role of co-teacher to your already-full lives. For all of us, the word partnership has taken on new meaning during this time. By now each of you has received suggested rhythms for distance learning from your child(ren)'s class teacher(s). Faculty members are working very hard to accommodate different family needs, all while learning new technologies to deliver lessons, and tending to the needs of their own families. We remain committed to helping you establish healthy rhythms during what conspires to be a time of arrhythmia. Please continue to provide your honest feedback to help us find, and refine, the delicate balance between home and school.

**TEACHER TRANSITIONS** During this time of immense change, the hiring committee would like to acknowledge some additional transitions that will take place at the end of this school year. Three of our beloved teachers--Susan Barnes, Tomas Jensen, and Meg Eggleston--are heeding other calls in their lives. With as much gratitude as sadness, we would like to give thanks to:

Susan Barnes, for serving 15 years in AWS's early childhood program, as an assistant, teacher, and lead teacher; for sitting on the Board of Trustees; and for guiding the faculty as chairperson for 5 years. Susan has decided to devote her

efforts to other ventures, now that both of her daughters will be in college.

Tomas Jensen, for carrying the current 6th/7th graders during their first 5 years; for beginning a second round with his current class 2 years ago; and for voluntarily using his technical expertise on occasion, to bolster our website. The special needs of Tomas's young family have dictated his pursuit of other work.

Meg Eggleston, for helping to found the Aurora Waldorf School (our former name), even when it meant that her own children would not benefit from its inception; and for sharing the role of faculty chair these last 2 years. After 40 years of teaching, her final 3 years being at AWS, Meg will join her husband in retirement.

The hiring committee was blessed with many candidates this year. Our Golden Cottage teacher, Eliza McFadden, will be our new kindergarten teacher. Penelope Spencer will teach the class of rising second graders. Donna Levesque will transition from serving as Pedagogical Director to teaching 3rd/4th grade. After graduating this year's eighth grade, Shannon Herda will carry rising 5th/6th graders, leading them through their middle school years. Emily Becker, with the help of Laura Thorpe and others, will continue to teach our rising 7th/8th graders. Many thanks to them, and all of this year's block teachers, for holding this class with such fortitude throughout the year.

On behalf of the faculty and hiring committee,

Donna Levesque



**Eliza McFadden,  
Kindergarten**

As a former Waldorf student, Miss Eliza is looking forward to making her place in our early childhood community, reminiscent



**Penelope Spencer,  
Grade 2**

Ms. Spencer, an AWS alumna and graduate of Middlebury College, can speak first hand about the value of a



**Donna Levesque,  
Grade 3/4**

Every year in the Waldorf curriculum happens to be Ms. Levesque's favorite, and she is eager to guide this inquisitive group of students.

of her experiences as a child.

Waldorf education. We're excited to have her complete the cycle from Waldorf student to Waldorf teacher.

## Social Distancing at Its Best!

How are you maintaining social distance? Submit your photos to show us what you've been doing, and maybe inspire others to do the same.



**Laura Thorpe doesn't let closed salons stop her from cutting her hair**



**Sierra keeps the keyboard covered as she practices her typing skills**

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