



## **Board of Directors Candidate Application**

Any Whitewater Grocery Co. Owner is able to run for a seat on the Board of Directors. This application gives owners information about your background and expertise, what you can offer to the Whitewater Grocery Co., and what interests you about serving on the Board. A Steering Committee member may call you for further information, but generally, these answers will be your way of communicating to other Whitewater Grocery Co. Owners why you should be a Board member. Feel free to contact the current Board of Directors if any questions arise.

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Position / Title	Bookkeeper and Agent
Education: (degree, major, etc.)	Studied Psychology at College of DuPage and Northern Illinois University, obtained insurance license in 2019
How many years have you lived in Whitewater?	4 years
How long have you been an owner of Whitewater Grocery Co.?	almost a month now
Whitewater Grocery Co. Owner Number	645

## Candidate Questionnaire

*Please answer the following four questions as thoroughly as possible, while keeping your answers to 200 words or less. Your answers may be published on the Whitewater Grocery Co. website and included in our newsletter. We encourage you to be concise and thoughtful in each of your responses.*

1. Why do you want to serve on the Board of Directors of Whitewater Grocery Co.?

Because I want to help this store come to fruition!! After quietly watching from the sidelines I watched a podcast featuring Lacey and it lit a fire under me to get out there and help our community get the grocery store they deserve.

2. What is your passion? How could we see that passion in action in your day-to-day life?

I have a passion for planning and for helping people. I make to-do lists and checklists daily to keep myself motivated and focused on my priorities. As far as helping people, I have always enjoyed volunteering my time and I have also worked in customer service roles pretty much my entire working life. Helping people is part of my job and I love making life a little easier for others by helping them find a solution to whatever issue they may have.

3. List some of the organizations, causes, initiatives, and groups of which you have been a part.

How do you believe your involvement with these groups has prepared you to serve on the Whitewater Grocery Co. Board of Directors?

I was in a community service focused group in High School as well as a service fraternity in college. I served on the exec board of my fraternity as secretary as well. I have learned how to tailor my communication style to different personalities in order to have productive conversations and how to work in small as well as large groups. We may all have the same goal but different POVs of how to get there, I have learned to listen to everyone and never assume that you know everything. Collaboration is key to productivity.

4. Describe an experience in which you have worked on a team. What did you offer the team?

How did you compromise for the team's benefit?

I worked on many teams during my retail career, on a management team as well as the whole store as a team as well. I offered the management team my insight from my sales associate background and was able to bring that to the table where others didn't have that same experience/background. I was always open with my communication and transparent in my intentions. I don't remember a specific example of when I compromised for the team's benefit but I think that is because we were a team that collaborated and shared ideas to formulate the best solutions and when everyone is working together towards a solution you don't really feel like you are compromising since you all have a part in coming up with the solution.