



Meger, left, and Werbicki are the newest SDCF board members.

SDCF welcomes Werbicki, Meger to the board

The Selkirk & District Community Foundation’s motto is ‘Here for Good’ and donors to the Foundation are to thank for making it a true statement – so too are the volunteer board members who put their love of community into their roles as stewards of the Foundation’s assets.

As the six-year terms of Barbara Knoll and Greg Dewar have come to an end, the Foundation is excited to welcome two new members – Wendy Meger and Ryan Werbicki.

Chair Shauna Curtin says Knoll and Dewar were great additions to the board and she thanks them for their service and she’s looking forward to working alongside Meger and Werbicki.

“It’s one of those happy and sad, at the same time occasions,” Curtin said.

“We become like family on this board so we’re saying ‘see ya later’, to two family members and a hearty ‘hello, welcome aboard’, to two new ones. Ultimately though, it’s a happy time and we’re very thrilled to have two new voices, two new skill sets and two new committed community members join our team.”

Werbicki is a familiar face at the Foundation, having spent 2019-2020 as a board member before resigning due to a residential relocation. He’s back in Selkirk now and looking forward to being part of the board.

“Being nominated as a SDCF Director affords an opportunity to work with community-minded individuals who together have a direct impact on our region by ensuring the creation and support of opportunities that make our home an even better place to live, work, and play,” Werbicki said.

“I have always been passionate about community, our region and making a difference. Like many communities across our province, our region faces significant challenges. However, we also know our region has a long history of facing those challenges together.”

Werbicki is an Employee & Labour Relations Officer within the Public Service Commission of the Manitoba Government. He’s held several positions within the government and is a graduate of the University of Manitoba, with degrees in Public Administration and Global Political Economy as well as certificates in Manitoba Municipal Administration and Negotiation Skills.

Meger is well known for her dedication to helping make the communities of Selkirk, St. Clements and St. Andrews better for all. She’s a member of the Selkirk Biz, Selkirk Rotary and does fundraising activities on her own and through her job as General Manager of Selkirk Home Hardware. She brings a deep knowledge of the community, from both the business and non-profit sectors.

“To be perfectly honest, I didn’t know a whole lot about the Foundation. I’d heard the name and knew that they gave out money and that’s it,” Meger said.

“I was approached by Selkirk Biz and they said they thought this would be a great fit for me, and then I met with (board member) David Thorne and he gave me the lowdown on what is involved and I thought that it aligned with my values, it aligned with a lot of what I do already and I thought it would be a good fit.”

Meger, who comes from a family of nine, says her parents instilled in her and her siblings the importance of giving back to the community at a very young age. She has arranged tree plantings in Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements and this year is helping plant trees at the Gaynor Family Regional Library’s new children’s wing.

She just hosted a Bud, Spud and Steak fundraiser known as Christmas in July for the Local Big Hearts Hamper Drive, just the latest hamper drive Meger has been a part of. She’s

involved in Home Hardware's cancer fundraiser and she organizes a raffle to raise money for pet rescue shelters.

Meger says one of her favourite causes is Gifts from Angels, something she started in memory of her dad, which provides gifts for senior home residents at Christmas time.

Both Werbicki and Meger are looking forward to connecting even more with the community through their roles on the SDCF board.