

Troop 652B Parent Committee
Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: May 24, 2023

Present: Kevin Snyder, Cristie Snyder, Craig Moore, Suzi Tschetter, Sal Caruso, Irene Christian, Brian Christian, John Frank

I. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Suzi called to order the regular meeting of the Troop 652B Parent Committee at 6:22 PM in the St. Basil Parish Center.

II. Reports

Scoutmaster (Kevin)

- The observatory campout was great! It was beautiful Friday night but, unfortunately, cloudy on Saturday evening for our scheduled program. So, the naturalist did the program in the planetarium with a few things outside. It was a fantastic presentation and very informative. The campgrounds were excellent and very welcoming. Worth considering for a repeat stay in the future. Thanks to Craig for coordinating.
- We have four boys (Noah, Kody, Troy, Grady) registered to attend NYLT in June. NYLT is at Firelands June 11-16, the week before Manatoc summer camp.
- We keep adding new scouts to the roster. There is another family scheduled to visit our meeting on May 31. One scout that is a multiple registration in two units has decided to make 652B his primary troop.
- Chippewa Garden Club has requested our assistance in painting and replacing a fence for their garden. Kevin to coordinate with the club contact.
- There is no news on the equipment move. Dates may be delayed, Robb is coordinating.
- Scout Tom M. is our troop librarian. He is currently working on organizing the troop's merit badge book library.
- The Parish Picnic is Sunday, June 11 from 12:00-4:00 PM. All St. Basil scouting units have been asked to help at the event. Volunteers can assist with trash and other duties during the event plus clean up afterwards. Wear class A uniform during the event and class B when not public facing.
- Our annual pop & water sale is on track for Brecksville Home Days. The girls' troop will have their own sales booth next to or near our boys' booth. It's the weekend we get back from Manatoc, but everyone is expected to help at the booth and help raise funds for the troop.
- 652G's SPL and ASPL were invited to tonight's meeting to announce their Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Tickets will also be on sale tonight.
- Helpers are welcome at Crew 652's Pancake Breakfast.

Outdoor/Activities Chair (Craig)

- Janet Sommers organized the required medical forms for troop members. For now, they will be held in a binder that will be stored in the troop trailer. This should eliminate need to collect then return medical forms after each activity. Someone will need to regularly audit and maintain the binder to make sure information stays current. Parents should keep the original AND a copy of their family's medical forms. A second copy should be provided for the troop binder. Committee to assess if this will work in the long-term

due to fluctuation of medical exam dates, approved adults noted on form that have permission to transport scouts, having a dedicated volunteer to maintain the binder, etc.

- Troop is not allowed to scan and save digital copies of medical forms.
- August-November event update. At the May PLC meeting, the boys discussed an overnight water trip in August, possibly at Camp Hi for canoeing; September will be a camporee at Beaumont or American Heritage merit badge program at Tuscazoar; October camporee at Firelands; November Webelos/Arrows campout.
- Discussion: Camp Manatoc Cent-O-Ree celebration in September. Girls' troop has a reservation for the event. Boys' PLC was not interested in attending.
- The goal is to plan outings at least six months in advance. Campout dates will be determined by the availability of registered leaders.
- Discussion: Slushie cards for Manatoc summer camp. Committee approved purchase of cards for \$40.

Secretary (Cristie)

- On May 15, by email, the committee approved replacement of the two rear trailer doors. Estimated cost is \$800 per door + tax. Replacement is necessary due to non-repairable water damage on both doors. Doors will be replaced and sealed to prevent leaks and ensure no further damage to trailer. Doors must be ordered and will arrive for installation in about 4 weeks.
- In May, registered one new troop member, a sixth grader, that is brand new to scouting.
- Currently, we have 33 registered active troop scouts and one scout registered as a multiple (member of our troop and another troop).
- Discussion: Upcoming troop COH dates.
- Cristie to create a sign up for the Parish Picnic. Will be shared with all St. Basil units.

Treasurer (Sal)

- No financial report for the month.
- Books have not been officially transitioned to Sal yet but is scheduled to happen this month.
- Discussion: Reimbursements for May campout purchases.
- Discussion: Annual troop dues collection will be delayed to July 1. Annual dues are \$50 and help cover troop costs like merit badges and awards, campout fuel and supplies, and other troop expenses. Sal to send email to troopmembers@troop652bsa.org distribution list.
- Please send receipts and finance questions to treasurer.troop652@gmail.com so treasurer can log purchases and answer questions.

Advancement (Brian)

- We are advancing. Brian has handed out a lot of merit badges recently.
- Due to a congested July, the next troop COH scheduled for summer is canceled. The next COH will be held on or around November 1. Typically, troop COH are held three times a year (March, July, and November) to celebrate advancements and awards.

Equipment Coordinator (Mike – no report)

- The new trailer doors have been ordered. There will be a manufacturer warranty on the doors, and there is a possibility of the dealership doing a guarantee for the labor. TBD. Due to timing of the repair, the trailer may not be available for use at Manatoc summer camp. The trailer is at dealership now.
- Discussion: Items stored in trailer needed for summer camp. Water coolers, wagons, random supplies, and lanterns would be needed for the week. Merit badge book library is also recommended. How can all these items be retrieved from trailer, transported to camp, and stored at campsite?

Fundraising (vacant)

- The troop's annual Pop & Water Sale is June 23-25 during Brecksville Home Days. Scott and Sally Dubitsky will send fundraiser information and a sign up to troop members.
- The girls' troop will have their own separate fundraising booth next to, across the path, or near ours at Home Days.

III. Old business

- The fall VIRTUS training session at St. Basil is August 28. Parents are encouraged to do parish VIRTUS training and BSA's Youth Protection Training. Both are necessary for adults that volunteer with the troop. Certificates of completion should be printed out and submitted to Suzi or Cristie.
- Cristie created a guidance document that outlines the steps for adults to register as a volunteer with the troop. Can be requested from Cristie if there is interest in being involved.
- Ideas for service projects are always welcome. If you have a suggestion, it helps if you are willing to be the lead on the project.
- Adult committee positions that need to be filled include committee chair, service project coordinator, and training coordinator. A list of roles can be viewed on the website at www.troop652bsa.org/volunteers-needed/.

IV. New business

- Discussion: Troop anniversary celebration. If troop established in 1963, aim to have an alumni celebration in conjunction with fall court of honor. There is a discrepancy on year of establishment -- sign at Manatoc dining hall says 1963 and Cliff's records stated 1965. Also, the date may be complicated due to dual unit registrations in Lake Erie Council and Great Trail Council. Suzi and Cristie to contact councils and BSA to learn more about history and when troop was established.

V. Announcements

- A volunteer is needed to coordinate service projects for the troop. We receive requests from outside organizations, and it would be nice to have someone to vet the project and coordinate the activity for the troop.

V. Adjournment

Suzi adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM. The next committee meeting is July TBD. There will be no committee meeting in June.

See a full calendar of meetings and activities at www.troop652bsa.org/events

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