

Troop 652B Parent Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: August 2, 2023

*** The July meeting was postponed; today's meeting is intended to fulfill the troop's July committee meeting. Committee did not meet in June. ***

Present: Suzi Tschetter, Sal Caruso, Kevin Snyder, Cristie Snyder, Robb Metyk, Craig Moore, Brian Christian, Irene Christian

I. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Suzi called to order the regular meeting of the Troop 652B Parent Committee at 6:18 PM in the St. Basil Parish Center.

II. Reports

Scoutmaster (Kevin)

- Twenty scouts attended Manatoc summer camp in mid-June and earned 70 merit badges.
- Three troop members joined Crew 652 on their July biking high adventure.
- Ten scouts attended Beaumont summer camp in mid-July and earned 46 merit badges plus 10 partials.
- In late July, Wyatt and Easton attended BSA's Sea Base St. Thomas USVI with Troop 390 Fairlawn.
- Two scouts elected to Order of the Arrow (OA) will attend council's callout ceremony and ordeal at Beaumont on August 18-19. The callout with ordeal used to take place at Beaumont summer camp but did not happen this year. After making a request to camp commissioners while at Beaumont, OA representatives did a small, personalized callout ceremony for our troop and two candidates.
- Council representatives approached Kevin and Craig at summer camp to discuss business including that our registered troop leaders need more training. Only 50% of our adult leaders have the required position-specific training. That needs to increase ASAP. Roles in the troop need to be determined and required trainings completed. Having untrained leaders effects our troop metrics and, per council rules, you will hold no official leadership position until you are trained.
 - Discussion: Creating a 'troopleaders' mailing list to include all registered adult leaders for the unit (committee members and program leaders) and notifying leaders that position-specific trainings need to be completed. Registered adult leaders need to be designated as "Unit Scouter Reserve" until role-specific trainings are complete. Suzi and Kevin to be point people. Cristie to create mailing list.
- Upcoming campouts and activities include a canoeing day trip (August 12), American heritage campout in September, camporee in October, and troop campout to host Webelos and Arrows in November. Katrina Yeigh is coordinating any boys' troop members that would like to attend Manatoc's 100th anniversary weekend in September.
- Wednesdays are for Scouting! After discussions with the girls' troop and St. Basil, all four Scouting units chartered with the parish will meet on Wednesdays. The girls' troop will share meeting space with the boys on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM, but troop meetings will be separate. The pack and the crew will continue to meet on Wednesdays per their regular schedule. The sharing of meeting space for the troops will begin in late August or early September. An email will go out to the troops to announce the change.
- Our meeting room request for July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 was submitted to the rectory. We will meet at the Parish Center on most Wednesdays with the following exceptions. Any changes throughout the year will be posted to the website calendar and communicated by email and/or GroupMe.

- In the FLC on July 19, August 16, and March 13.
- No room available August 9, November 29, December 13, March 27, April 10, June 12, June 19, and June 26.
- Pack 652 working to establish an open house recruitment date at St. Basil. Working to book the mobile rock wall and inflatable archery range. TBD in September. The troop will have a table at the event.
- Discussion: Since there is an issue with Manatoc summer camp dates always overlapping with Brecksville Home Days and our annual pop and water sale, maybe we need to consider moving the dates we attend Manatoc. It is always a challenge to get parents and scouts to staff the troop fundraiser on Friday evening and Saturday while troop members are at camp.

Outdoor/Activities Chair (Craig)

- Canoeing in August will be a day activity instead of a campout. We do not have enough registered leaders to do an overnight. We have a reservation for a 10:00 AM put-in on August 12 at Camp Hi Canoe & Kayak in Hiram. It is a 7-mile trip and will take about 2-3 hours. Cost is discounted for group and will range between \$17-30 per person. Canoes available for scouts and kayaks for adults. Scouts and their families are welcome. Final count of attendees to Camp Hi on August 10. RSVPs are due to Craig by August 9. Waivers must be signed and will be sent to participants in advance.
- Troop is scheduled to attend the American heritage event at Camp Tuscazoar in September. Cost is \$30 per person and includes Saturday breakfast and dinner, event patch plus American Heritage merit badge class and activities. Civil War reenactment will be held on Saturday. RSVPs are due by September 1. Kevin cannot attend this campout; additional registered adults are needed to camp.
 - Discussion: Troop general fund to cover any additional costs for food at this campout.
- We'll attend council's October camporee at Firelands. Early bird pricing for scouts is \$25 by September 24. Scouts and adult leaders should register on council's website.
- Campsite rental fee TBD for troop campout in November at Camp Butler. Craig to investigate reserving large pavilion and campsites with adirondacks ASAP. Packs will need to reserve their own campsites to comply with Safe Scouting guidelines.
- After some consideration, BSA medical forms will be returned to families for safekeeping. The forms will need to be submitted with other paperwork before every campout and will be returned to families at the end of a campout.
- Cristie to send email to troop members highlighting all upcoming fall campouts and activities.

Secretary (Cristie)

- In June, registered 1 new troop member, a fifth grader, that is brand new to Scouting. One troop member aged out in June.
- Currently, we have 34 registered active troop scouts and one scout registered as a multiple (member of our troop and another troop).
- The date of the fall VIRTUS training session at St. Basil has been changed to September 11. Cristie to send VIRTUS class reminder.
- Conducted research regarding charter origin and history of the troop. A historical narrative has been posted on our website at www.troop652bsa.org/who-we-are/ and is included with this month's meeting notes. If anyone has any input or names for the historical timeline spreadsheet, please contact Cristie.
 - Per Lake Erie Council's records, Troop 652 was originally chartered at St. Basil in 1962 and remained active until 1966. The troop was restarted and operated from 1968-1977. Finally, the troop was restarted again in December 1991 and has been chartered continuously at St. Basil since that time.

- Per Great Trail Council's digital records, Troop 652 was also sponsored by Hale Farm & Village from March 1, 2000 through March 31, 2011. This made the troop a dual-registered unit for a few years.

Treasurer (Sal)

- Sal received banking access on June 5. All record-keeping will be reviewed with Allie and turned over tonight. Sal to review everything with report and budget to come.
- Monthly financial report for June provided to committee. Available to all troop members on request.
- Each scout owes troop dues of \$50 by July 1. Committee review of troop members' dues paid and those still outstanding.
- Craig reminded about a follow-up with Lake Erie Council on a refund due for summer camp registrations.
- Please send receipts and finance questions to treasurer.troop652@gmail.com so treasurer can log purchases and answer questions.

Advancement (Brian)

- Lots of awards were earned at summer camp.
- Court of Honor scheduled for November.

Equipment Coordinator (Mike – no report)

- All troop equipment has been moved from the rectory basement to the annex. There are still some wrinkles regarding changes to space in the annex and what goes where, but they will be worked out. Having equipment in the garage is beneficial to the troop and provides us easier access to our stuff.
- The new trailer doors have not yet arrived for installation and there is no definitive date from the company.
- The trailer decals are printed and ready for installation. Due to the issue with the doors, the installer will place the new decals only on the front and sides of the trailer. Installation appointment TBD soon when garage is available. The decals for the back will be installed after the doors are replaced.
- The trailer hitch is malfunctioning and needs service. There may also be a need to replace the jack. Not critical at this time, so Robb to ask for a quote for repair or replace when the trailer is taken in for door replacement.
- Shelving is ready to be installed inside the trailer.
- Robb purchased two new combination locks for the trailer.

Fundraising (vacant)

- Scott and Sally Dubitsky reported that the Home Days Pop & Water Sale was our most successful to date. The troop netted \$2,010 from the fundraiser. Special thanks to the Dubitskys for coordinating this fundraiser for the past few years!
- A representative from Brecksville Kiwanis approached Sal at Home Days about our troop's needs and provided contact information. Committee to consider the offer and Suzi to follow-up with Kiwanis contact.

III. Old business

- The fall VIRTUS training session at St. Basil is September 11. 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

- The troop received two \$500 donations from supporters of Scouting at St. Basil. Thank you notes will be sent to both benefactors.
- All registered adult troop leaders (committee and program) must complete required position-specific trainings in my.scouting.org
- A required Diocesan agreement was finalized with Cleveland Catholic Diocese and Lake Erie Council so Scouting units may continue to function at St. Basil.
- Deacon Rob has been assigned as the parish youth representative and will oversee the four Scouting units at St. Basil. The pack, troops and crew will continue to have quarterly meetings with the parish and Deacon Rob.

V. Announcements

VI. Adjournment

Cristie adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM. The next committee meeting is August 23, 2023.

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

Draft notes submitted by Cristie Snyder on August 3, 2023. Reviewed and approved by Suzi Tschetter on August 6, 2023.

History of Troop 652

In 1910, Boy Scouts of America (BSA) organized in the U.S. and the Cleveland Council formed in 1912.

In 1929, Greater Cleveland Council was formed combining Cleveland Council and Cuyahoga Falls Council. In 1962, Cleveland BSA built its own office building at E. 22 Street and Woodland Avenue in Cleveland.

Troop 652 was originated at St. Basil the Great Catholic Church in 1962 as a member of Greater Cleveland Council, beginning with a few scouts and Scoutmaster Tom Kane. When the troop's original Charter expired in October of 1966, it was not renewed.

The troop was restarted at St. Basil in 1968 but ended their Charter in October of 1977.

The troop was restarted again on December 27, 1991, with a 17-month charter, and has been chartered continuously at St. Basil since that time.

Interestingly, Troop 652 was dual-registered troop in the early 2000s. From March 1, 2000 through March 31, 2011. Troop 652 was also registered as a unit in Great Trail Council. The troop was sponsored by Hale Farm & Village in Peninsula, Ohio.

Troop 652's first Eagle Scout was Seth Riewaldt.

Troop 652 for Girls was formed on February 1, 2019 when BSA welcomed female youth as members.

*Note: Historical research conducted by Troop 652B Secretary Cristie Snyder.
Dated: June 29, 2023*

HISTORY OF BSA TROOP 652B

YEAR	COUNCIL	CHARTERING ORGANIZATION	SCOUTMASTER	SPL	COUNCIL	CHARTERING ORGANIZATION	SCOUTMASTER
1910	<i>Boy Scouts of America (BSA) organized in the U.S. in 1910</i>						
1911							
1912	<i>Cleveland Council Formed</i>						
1929	<i>Greater Cleveland Council Formed (combining Cleveland Council and Cuyahoga Falls Council)</i>						
1962	<i>Cleveland BSA builds its own office building at E. 22 and Woodland in Cleveland</i>						
1962	<i>Troop 652 started in 1962.</i>						
1962	Greater Cleveland Council	St. Basil the Great Catholic Church	Tom Kane				
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1966	<i>Troop 652 Charter expires in October 1966.</i>						
1967							
1968	<i>Troop 652 restarted in 1968.</i>						
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2014	Greater Cleveland Council	St. Basil the Great Catholic Church	Cliff Bellmore				
2015	Greater Cleveland Council	St. Basil the Great Catholic Church	Cliff Bellmore				
2016	Greater Cleveland Council	St. Basil the Great Catholic Church	Cliff Bellmore				
2017	<i>Lake Erie Council Formed (combining the former Greater Cleveland Council, Greater Western Reserve, and Heart of Ohio Council)</i>						
2017	Lake Erie Council	St. Basil the Great Catholic Church	Ed Sowers				
2018	Lake Erie Council	St. Basil the Great Catholic Church	Ed Sowers				
2019	Lake Erie Council	St. Basil the Great Catholic Church	Ed Sowers	Ethan Meilander			
2019	<i>Girls allowed to join Scouts BSA fka. Boy Scouts of America; Troop 652G Formed (February 1, 2019)</i>						
2020	Lake Erie Council	St. Basil the Great Catholic Church	Ed Sowers/Kevin Snyder	Aleksandr Rutledge			
2021	Lake Erie Council	St. Basil the Great Catholic Church	Kevin Snyder	Wyatt Snyder			
2022	Lake Erie Council	St. Basil the Great Catholic Church	Kevin Snyder	Ronin Tschetter			
2023	Lake Erie Council	St. Basil the Great Catholic Church	Kevin Snyder	Luke Botros			