

**Troop 652 Parent Committee**  
**Meeting Notes**

Meeting Date: March 20, 2024

Present: Sal Caruso, Brian Christian, Irene Christian, Scott Dubitsky, Sally Dubitsky, Gail Hallis, TJ Manion, Robby Maher, Robb Metyk, Tracey Meilander, Craig Moore, Suzi Tschetter and Renee Buszta

I. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Suzi Tschetter called to order the regular meeting of the Troop 652 Parent Committee at 6:37 PM in the St. Basil Parish Center.

II. Reports

Scoutmaster, Boys (Kevin)

- February Klondike and March Camp Butler were successful
- PLC many activity ideas to Craig Moore – hiking, rock climbing, etc. Plan to prioritize and have PLC decide on top choice
- 36 registered scouts and anticipate 10 crossovers from various Packs
- March 27th – no Troop meeting space so 652B offered to help setup Parish Center for Easter. 652G invited to join
- Brian, the St Basil room reservation coordinator, told Deacon Rob what a helpful group the Scouts are!
- Scout Mass March 17th was well attended

Scoutmaster, Girls (Tracey)

- Considering Kelly's Island campout
- Trash the Trash Day planned – conservation hours available
- Outdoor Ethics Award and Conservation Award – Scouts working on both
- 2 Scouts pursuing Order of Arrow positions – 4/4 Election
- Focus on Leadership in troop – Merit Badge Extravaganza thank you to Ms. Nemeth and Robb Metyk for merit badge counselor support
- Spaghetti Dinner – need to solidify date with Parish – planning for June 1st – first Saturday
- At least 1 scout attending NYLT
- Tracy's daughter Maya attained Eagle Scout and is completing her scout journey – as a result Tracy will be stepping away from Scoutmaster – Wood Badge Training highly recommended for incoming Scoutmaster
- Discussion to potentially coordinate multiple adult volunteers from both troops attending Wood Badge Training

Outdoor/Activities Chair, Boys (Craig)

- April 26 – 29 Heritage Preserve Campout – plan to coordinate Grubmaster training as part of campout
- May 17 – 19 Brecksville Reservation Campout – parents are invited to join the troop for the day
- July 7 – 12 Merz Summer Camp – 2 adults and 7 scouts registered [girl troop 1 scout interested and may join if another scout signs up AND female adult registered volunteer]

Secretary (Cristie)

- There were no new youth or adult memberships in the last month.
- Annual registration for our website domain (troop652bsa.org) will auto-renew before May 9, 2024. The cost is \$20.99.
- Following the February committee meeting, WordPress logins for the troop website were provided to Robby Maher.
- Cristie replied to one email through the website form. A gentleman was inquiring about troop registration records, and if we could tell him if and when he was in Troop 652 between 1966-1970. Cristie referred him to BSA Lake Erie Council.

- BSA has revised the membership renewal process. Membership in the BSA now follows a 12-month cycle, starting from the month of your initial month of membership. Lake Erie Council sent an announcement to all Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Committee Chairs, Charter Organization Representatives, Council Unit Representatives, Unit Commissioners, and Service Area Commissioners on March 12.
- Virtus training will be held on April 22 at the Family Life Center. Volunteers who work with minors must complete all the Virtus compliance requirements before being approved to volunteer. Register on the Cleveland Catholic Diocese website. A link is on the troop calendar.

#### Treasurer, Boys (Sal)

- Monthly financial report provided to the committee. Available to all troop members on request.
- Forward all receipts and finance questions to the treasurer so he can log purchases and answer questions. Send to [treasurer@troop652bsa.org](mailto:treasurer@troop652bsa.org)
- Food budget for campouts provided to Grubmasters – Jan, Feb, and Mar campouts under budget!
- Sal and Robby will work on setting up a PayPal account to utilize in collecting summer dues [and potentially recharter end of this year]

#### Treasurer, Girls (Gail)

- Monthly financial report provided to the committee. Available to all troop members on request.

#### Advancement (Brian)

- The boys' troop did not hold a court of honor in March. It has been delayed until after summer camp.
- Scouts should request Scoutmaster conferences or boards of review by email before Wednesday or at the beginning of a troop meeting.
- Troop 652G: Sheyenne Melynykowski – Tenderfoot Rank; Tayla O Schoeffler – 1 st Class Rank;
- Troop 652B: Andrew Hilts – Scout Rank; Lincoln Misch – Scout Rank; Robert Sasala – Star Rank

#### Membership & Training (Robby)

- Robby and Mark Major are working on updating the website with a landing page that will direct you to the troop you'd like to know more about.

#### Equipment Coordinator (Mike)

- No report

#### Fundraising, Boys (Sally/Scott)

- Need to finalize date for Spaghetti Dinner in June
- Robby mentioned parishioners were hoping for Pancake Breakfast on Scout Sunday! Great suggestion that Robby will bring to Shawna for next year.

#### Fundraising, Girls (Liz)

- No report

#### Service Projects (Jane)

- No report

### III. Old business

- A guidance document outlining the steps for adults to register as a volunteer with the troop is available. Request from Cristie or Suzi if someone has an interest in being involved.
- At the first combined committee meeting in February, the assembled group agreed to change the schedule of committee meetings to the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings will begin at 6:30 PM.
- Currently, web calendar items specific to the boys' troop are labeled [652B] and calendar items that apply to both units are labeled [652].

IV. New business

- Irene Summer Camp
  - Manatoc currently 13 boys and 9 girls signed up; April 19 Early Bird Deadline-utilize online portal for parents to register and pay, after early bird lock portal and Irene will register scout/adult after payment is received, send information to Packs with Arrow of Light scouts who will cross over so they are aware of summer camp signup [Sal reached out to John Strychasz]
  - Beaumont – currently 2 girls interested.
  - Trailer – Irene and Robb will coordinate for one trailer at camp

V. Announcements

VI. Adjournment

Suzi adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM. The next committee meeting is April 17, 2024.

See a full calendar of meetings and activities at [www.troop652bsa.org/events](http://www.troop652bsa.org/events)

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Draft notes submitted by Suzi on March 25, 2024. Reviewed and approved by Cristie Snyder on April 10, 2024.