

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

Meeting Date: May 22, 2024

Meeting Location: St. Basil Parish Rectory

Present: Denise Weisfelder, Gail Hallis, Sally Dubitsky, Scott Dubitsky, Cristie Snyder, Craig Moore, Renee Buszta, Brian Christian, Robb Metyk, Janet Summers, Jerry Blayne, Kevin Snyder, Shawna Melnykowski, Robby Maher

I. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Denise called to order the regular meeting of the Troop 652 Parent Committee at 6:34 PM.

II. Reports

Scoutmaster, Boys (Kevin)

- Twenty-three scouts attended the April cooking campout and twenty scouts were at the May campout. Both campouts were really good. The Meadows was a nice location to do the parent/scout campout weekend.
- The new crossover scouts are progressing nicely. Three are already at Scout Rank.
- At the end of the May campout, scouts helped at the Crew's Pancake Breakfast (May 19).
- Two scouts attended ILST at Beaumont on May 18 and they'll be at National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) at Firelands June 9-14.
- Steve Sasala has been taking on more Assistant Scoutmaster duties.
- Kevin noted that he was in my.Scouting and saw that some of the leaders still haven't completed their required position training. Denise to look into this.
- The St. Basil Parish Picnic is Sunday, June 9. Volunteers are needed for the event; we provide service by doing clean-up and taking care of anything that comes up during the picnic. A sign-up will go out. We'll do the pre-event set-up again at the Wednesday troop meeting before the picnic (June 5).
- Collectively, we all need to make a better effort at cleaning up the meeting space on Wednesday evenings when we are done. It should not be up to the last person or group out the door to straighten the space and put the correct number of chairs at each table. Leaders will announce at meetings that everyone needs to stay and help straighten.
- There is an influx of newly registered adults. We should determine what jobs they can do or be assigned. It would be helpful to create a list of things or tasks we need assistance with or taken care of. Leaders to brainstorm troop needs.

Scoutmaster, Girls (Shawna)

- The girls' troop had two back-to-back campouts: Kelley's Island Service at the Beach and the Historic Trails Award weekend.
- Lots of service has been performed recently including the Pancake Breakfast (assisting Crew 652), Trash the Trash Day, Kelley's Island beach clean-up, and Pack 652 Blue & Gold banquet cleanup.
- Katrina Yeigh is officially registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster for the girls' troop.
- The annual Spaghetti Dinner is Saturday, June 1. Girls each have ten pre-sale tickets for the dinner.
- The troop will hold a Court of Honor on May 29. It will be Joanna's last troop COH before she ages out. The troop will recognize the Tim and Tracey Meilander for their efforts in starting Troop 652G and running it since 2019.
- Joanna is on-track to earn her Eagle Rank.

Outdoor/Activities Chair, Boys (Craig)

- April and May campouts were a success. Both Richfield Heritage Preserve and The Meadows in Brecksville were good camping locations.
- Leaders will do an annual planning meeting in August. Right now, there are tentative plans for the boys to attend the Geneva State Park Beach Clean Up in September and a camporee in October. August might be a backpacking trip.
- Ten scouts and three adults are attending Camp Merz in NY for summer camp. The State of New York has additional required paperwork for campers; Craig has been sending correspondence to all Merz attendees. Campers should check their immunizations and complete the NY forms carefully and completely. Merz campers are required to take BSA swim test at Merz in Lake Chautauqua.
- Twenty-eight boys and thirteen girls are attending summer camp at Manatoc. There are many leaders that will be going in and out throughout the week.
- Mr. Metyk will do the BSA swim test at the Brecksville Community Center pool on May 29 (boys' troop) and June 4 (girls' troop, backup date for boys). If you miss both dates, swim tests can be taken when you arrive at summer camp. The BSA swim test is required for water sports and activities. Scouts must pass at the swimmer level to do water merit badges such as Swimming, Kayaking, Canoeing, etc. There are three classification levels are: non-swimmer, beginner, and swimmer.
- Skye's grandmother, Tina Raftery, will be available at the June 5 troop meeting to do physicals for BSA Medical Forms.
- Adult and youth summer campers should bring all required paperwork to the June 5 troop meeting to help expedite getting everything organized for camp.

#### Secretary (Cristie)

- There was 1 new youth and 0 adult memberships for the boys in the last month.
- The membership records of five crossovers from Pack 652 have been transferred into the troop.
- Cristie will prep and share a sign-up form with the boys' and girls' troops for the June 9 Parish Picnic. Robby Maher will forward the sign-up to the Cub Scout pack.

#### Treasurer, Boys (Sal)

- Monthly financial report provided to the committee. Available to all troop members on request.
- Dues notice went out this month. \$50 per scout, no payment due for scouts with Eagle Rank.
- Money has been in and out for the recent campouts. Details are on the report.
- Discussion: Digital financial payments in Pay Pal through Scoutbook. A dedicated email address will need to be created for a Pay Pal account. Sal to work with Robby Maher to determine process.
- 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)

#### Treasurer, Girls (Gail)

- Monthly financial report provided to the committee. Available to all troop members on request.
- Dues notice went out this month. \$50 per scout.
- A meeting was held to plan the Spaghetti Dinner.
- Fund have been transferred in and out for the recent campouts. Details are on the report.
- Arrangements made to remove Tim Meilander from the bank account and add Brian Christian and Denise Weisfelder.

#### Advancement (Brian)

- Joanna is on-track to make Eagle Rank in the next two weeks before she ages out.
- Boys have one scout that will age out and not make Eagle. Brian looked at achievements and there are currently two male scouts behind the curve.

- Brain plans to retire as Advancement Chair soon. A replacement is needed.

#### Membership & Training (vacant)

- Two adult apps were submitted to Denise. One youth was transferred from Pack 652.

#### Equipment Coordinator (vacant)

- Scott bought supplies (waterproofing, seam sealer) to make equipment repairs before summer camp.

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

- Brecksville Home Days booth has been reserved for the annual Pop & Water Sale (June 21-23). Sally will put together a sign-up and send it out. All scouts need to work at least one shift during the weekend and parents should also register to work a shift at the booth. Families will be asked to donate at least one case (24 cans) of soda for the troop to sell. Requesting Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Dr. Pepper, Coca Cola, and Diet Coke.
  - Comment: Marc's has Pepsi product cubes on sale this week for \$7.99!
- Discussion: Lake Erie Council is requiring paperwork to be filed for all non-council fundraisers like the Pop & Water Sale. What needs to be filed?
- Discussion: Lake Erie Council's rules for troop and individual fundraising. All monies must be earned by the scout.
- Sally will find the appropriate Council paperwork and file it for the upcoming fundraisers for both troops.

#### Fundraising, Girls ( )

- Girls will also have a booth at Brecksville Home Days. They will run a game.
- The annual Spaghetti Dinner is June 1.

#### Service Projects (Jane – no report)

### III. Old business

- Potential to offer camp scholarships through funds donated to the troop.
  - Possibly two scholarships: One program scholarship decided on by program leaders and one committee scholarship.
- Discussion: How to offer scholarship funds, how would scouts apply. Development of an application process with a form. Robby Maher to research and find a standard form that can be adjusted for our needs. The parish (St. Basil or St. Michael) may have a scholarship application can be used for girls' troop (Ella Fund) and boys' troop (in-kind donation funds).

### IV. New business

- The girls' troop received a donation of \$100.
- Kids Capes of Courage service project is being held tonight during the troop meetings.

### V. Announcements

- Sarah Christian has workdays coming up for her Eagle Project. Watch for info.
- A joint planning session will be held in August for both troops' program leaders to discuss combined activities and campouts in the coming year.

- There will be no committee meeting in June. The committee will reconvene on July 24. Denise to reserve a meeting space at the Parish rectory. This rectory meeting room space worked well tonight!

VI. Adjournment

Denise adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM. The next committee meeting is July 24, 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 Cristie on May 29, 2024. Reviewed and approved by Denise on May 30, 2024.