

Troop 652 Parent Committee
Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: October 23, 2024

Meeting Location: St. Basil Parish Center, Classroom 9

Present: Denise Weisfelder, Kevin Snyder, Cristie Snyder, Amber Shuck, Shawna Melnykowski, Brian Christian, Irene Christian, Renee Buszta

I. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Denise called to order the regular meeting of the Troop 652 Parent Committee at 6:36 PM.

II. Scoutmaster Open Discussion

- The Halloween celebration will be on October 30. The troops will work on campout prep and other tasks; the party will be the last 30 minutes of the meeting. Wear costumes and be ready to take a big group photo!
- The troops will share a campsite for the November campout at Butler. Lake Point campsite has been reserved. There will be AOL requirements to cover at the campout.
- The boys will do their troop court of honor (COH) on November 6. The girls will hold a PLC in the classrooms and then attend the boys' COH.
- Discussion: Holding a joint holiday party.
- Both troops will attend the council Klondike on January 24-26. The boys will tent camp. The girls' accommodations are TBD.
- Sometime in November or December, the venture crew will do a presentation to the troops about their summer high adventure trip.
- Lake Erie Council's Fall Fest Recruitment Event is November 3 in Independence. Both troops will have a table at the event. It's a camping weekend but we'll need some volunteers at the event.
- The last troop meetings of the year will be held on December 18. Meetings will resume on January 8, 2025.

III. Reports

Scoutmaster, Boys (Kevin)

- Patrol leader elections will be held tonight unless there aren't enough kids in attendance due to fall school and sports activities. The boys were told to come with a prepared speech if they plan to run for a position.
- The boys' troop will hold the election for senior patrol leader (SPL) on November 13.
- Three Cub Scout packs visited our troop meeting last week. We had A LOT of kids in attendance. Pack 28 Arrows cannot attend the November campout, so they'll be invited to a future campout. Pack 297 and Pack 652 will provide campout attendee RSVPs so we can plan appropriately for food and activities.

Scoutmaster, Girls (Shawna)

- The girls' troop will not do laser tag for their holiday party. The Guide to Safe Scouting does not allow shooting at people or silhouettes of people. An alternative activity will be discussed.
- Irene will attend the Manatoc Summer Camp 2025 Fireside Chat on November 13 to learn about summer camp plans for next summer.
- The girls' troop did a hayride activity on October 19. About 7 or 8 scouts attended plus their families. We had a nice size group.

Outdoor/Activities Chair, Boys (Craig – report provided by text)

- The two troops will attend the council Klondike at Beaumont on January 24-26.

- The boys are interested in maybe doing whirlyball again for their holiday party.

Secretary (Cristie)

- There were no new youth memberships for the boys this month.
- The permission slip form has not been updated or posted online yet.
- This month, it seems we've reached our server limit on email sending again or there's an issue with our lists being flagged as SPAM. This week's meeting notices from Denise, Kevin, and Shawna went out but never made it to inboxes. Cristie will investigate the issue with Hostmonster, and our account parameters for the number of email addresses. Discussion: Site hosting, email lists, newsletter service positives and negatives, costs, alternative communications/sharing methods for our large group.

Treasurer, Boys (Sal – no report)

- Forward all receipts and finance questions to the treasurer so he can log purchases and answer questions. Send to treasurer@troop652bsa.org

Treasurer, Girls (Gail – no report)

Advancement (Brian)

- Three boys and three girls will age out in 2025.

Membership & Training (Robby – no report, provided by Denise)

- Annual unit renewals must be submitted by December 13. There is a \$100 late filing fee after December 13.
- The key 3 members (charter org rep, committee chair, scoutmasters) MUST renew their memberships before the unit does. Denise set a deadline of December 1 for the key 3 to renew.
- Renewal of memberships for scouts and adults will be done individually instead of through the recharter process.
- Required Youth Protection Training (YPT) is due for a few leaders. Make sure to complete your renewal course before the deadline.

Equipment Coordinator (Jim – no report)

Fundraising, Boys (Janet – no report)

Fundraising, Girls (no report)

Service Projects (Jane – no report)

IV. Old business

- 652B Campership Program: The boys' troop will institute a scholarship program for troop scouts. Annually, there will be two camperships available for scouts to apply for. One campership will be awarded by the program leaders and one campership will be awarded by the committee. Camperships are intended to award outstanding scouts for their participation in Scouting and to help defray the cost of attending summer camps or high adventure activities. Applications will be created and made available to all troop members.

The committee will recruit outside reviewers to read applications and recommend awards. Potential to announce campership awardees at a spring troop Court of Honor before summer camp season. Details will be announced to the troop as they are available.

- 652G Campership Program (The Ella Fund): 652G will adopt an application process for girls' troop members interested in attending high adventure camps.
- A joint planning meeting will be held with all troop leaders (SMs, ASMs) to align both troop calendars.

V. New business

- Discussion: Volunteer recognition for adult leaders.

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment

Denise adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM. The next committee meeting is December 4, 2024.

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

Draft notes submitted by Cristie on October 25, 2024. Reviewed and approved by Denise on October 28, 2024.