

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

Meeting Date: January 22, 2025

Meeting Location: St. Basil Parish Center, Classroom 10

Present: Denise Weisfelder, Cristie Snyder, Irene Christian, Craig Moore, Kevin Snyder, Robb Metyk, Brian Christian, Jerry Blayne, Shawna Melnykowski, Robby Maher, Jane Mahoney

I. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Denise called to order the regular meeting of the Troop 652 Parent Committee at 6:35 PM.

II. Scoutmaster Open Discussion (Shawna and Kevin)

- Do the troops need to take both trailers to the Klondike this weekend? We need to transport three sleds and gear. Logistics to be discussed this evening.
- Both troops will attend the campout on March 7-9 for Pack 652's crossover. The girls' troop has changed their plans to be at Camp Butler for the weekend.
- For upcoming campouts, the boys are interested in doing a campout at Observatory Park and, possibly, the Aviation MB at MAPS. The girls are pursuing a campout to do the Horsemanship MB and a separate campout for the Cooking MB.
- Scout Sunday, a celebration of Scouting with our chartering organization, will be held on Sunday, February 2 at St. Basil in the FLC gymnasium. The troops need to provide two readers (one boy, one girl). The cubs will do the offering, and the crew is invited to read the mass petitions. While all families are encouraged to attend the mass, Robb noted that not all our troop members are Catholic and may want to celebrate elsewhere. Any scouts affiliated with different religious organizations should speak to their church leadership about having a Scout Sunday and then inform Mr. Metyk. It might be an opportunity for our troop members to visit other religious organizations to celebrate Scouting.
- Robb will oversee the Scouting Heritage MB during the next four troop meetings. Dee started Personal Fitness MB last week.
- Eight scouts are currently taking Citizenship in Society with an MBC.

Outdoor/Activities Chair, Boys (Craig)

- Discussion: What registered adult leaders are available to do a Polar Bear campout in February? Kevin, Craig, and Robb have no open weekends. Craig polled all registered leaders to see what dates could be covered. There is potential to have a campout with both troops on February 14-16. Craig will investigate booking a cabin at Firelands. TBD.
- Kevin is not available to coordinate or attend a second week of summer camp. Craig also has limited availability this summer. A second week of summer camp can happen if another registered adult can be the point person. Two registered adults must attend camp with the scouts if a second week is scheduled. A troop-designed map of BSA camps in Ohio and surrounding states is available for anyone to look at. Craig will be happy to research summer camp #2 information as needed. With enough advance notice of dates, Denise is willing to attend summer camp #2 so the girls can attend too.
- Robb will be the primary contact for summer camp #1 at Manatoc.
- Discussion: Potential to combine with other local troops for multiple weeks of summer camp.
- Discussion: Future possibility of changing our regular summer camp dates at Manatoc (always going the week of Father's Day) to better accommodate Brecksville Home Days and the boys' annual pop and water sale fundraiser. We may also need a larger camping space as we're outgrowing Dan Beard campsite.

- Discussion: Planning calendar and scheduling for potential troop campouts. With a troop of our size, which registered adult leaders can assume the lead for certain campouts and activities, so it doesn't always fall on the same individual(s) to lead/attend every monthly campout.

#### Secretary (Cristie)

- Will respond to a recent email inquiry from Brecksville's Health & Human Services.
- All dates will be added to the web calendar and a fillable form of the troop permission form will be posted.

#### Treasurer (Sal – report provided)

- Monthly financial report provided for inclusion with committee notes. Available to all troop members on request.
- Forward all receipts and finance questions to the treasurer so he can log purchases and answer questions. Please indicate what troop it's for. Send to [treasurer@troop652bsa.org](mailto:treasurer@troop652bsa.org)

#### Fundraising

- Brecksville Home Days, and the boys' troop coinciding pop and water sale, are scheduled for June 20-22. Janet Summers is coordinating the troop fundraiser. No update on the status of our booth registration.
- Robby stated that the girls' troop Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser has been scheduled for March 15. The girls' troop will need many helpers to make this event happen. Boys' troop members are encouraged to help and can earn service hours for being at the event.
  - Discussion: Some basic logistics for hosting a dinner fundraiser.
- Venture Crew has secured May 18 for their annual Pancake Breakfast. Crew members can earn funds to help offset their high adventure trip costs. Troop members not going on the high adventure can help at the breakfast and earn service hours.

#### Advancement (Brian)

- In 2025, the boys' troop COH will be held on May 7 and November 5.

#### Membership & Training (Robby)

- Jon Strychasz will be joining the troop as an assistant scoutmaster.
- Pack 652 is requiring cub parents take Youth Protection Training (YPT). BSA may also require YPT for troop parents in the future. Our troop recommends that all parents take YPT for understanding and awareness.
- Jerry is attending council's Wilderness First Aid training on April 4 at Beaumont and mentioned that other adults and scouts should also look in to registering.

#### Equipment Coordinator (Jim – no report)

- A flag topper was purchased for one of the flag poles.

#### Service Projects

- 4-6 volunteers are needed to help with clean up after Donut Sunday following the 11:00 AM mass on February 9. The parish needs help with emptying garbage, wiping down tables and chairs, and vacuuming the Parish Center. Speak with [Mrs. Weisfelder](#) if you can help.
- The troops will participate in Lake Erie Council's Trash the Trash Day on May 3. Council partners with CanalWay Partners for Riversweep to help clean up parks and public spaces. Scouts will earn conservation hours. Mrs. Christian is coordinating.

- Camp Manatoc will have a tree planting and spring clean-up event. Scouts can earn conservation hours.
- The St. Basil Parish Picnic is scheduled for June 8. Troop members will help at the event. A shift sign-up will be shared.
- 4-6 volunteers are needed on June 5 to help from 6:30-7:30 PM at the parish food truck event. Scouts will be collecting trash and keeping areas clean. Speak with [Mrs. Weisfelder](#) if you can help.
- Scouts should be noting their completed service hours in the appropriate place in their handbooks.

### III. 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.

### IV. New business

- All four units had representatives at our quarterly review meeting with the parish on January 9.
- Fr. Ryan will always be the CEO of our units, but Deacon Rob may be designated as our Chartering Organization Rep (COR).

### V. Announcements

- Troop dues are separate from BSA membership fees and are collected mid-year in June.
- For their high adventure trip, the Venture Crew will attend Northern Tier from July 1-11, 2025.

### VI. Adjournment

Denise adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM. The next committee meeting is February 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

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

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