

Troop 652 Parent Committee
Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: February 26, 2025

Meeting Location: St. Basil Parish Center, Classroom 10

Present: Denise Weisfelder, Cristie Snyder, Kevin Snyder, Amber Straka, Robb Metyk, Shawna Melnykowski, Jane Mahoney, Janet Sommers, Sal Caruso, Pennilane Carlisle

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)

- The boys are planning to go to Observatory Park in April. Camping options nearby are still closed for the season so a camping spot needs to be found. Craig is looking into it. The boys are also in discussion to do the Aviation merit badge at MAPPS in May. There is also discussion about a parent campout. TBD.
- The girls are planning for a campout in April to do the Horsemanship merit badge. May campout TBD.
- Crossovers will be held this month. Pack 652 on March 8, Pack 297 on March 9, and Pack 28 on March 21. Approximately eleven boys and three girls will join the troop.
- Discussion: Health and safety of a scout on the Polar Bear Campout. He did not have the proper gear or clothing for the weekend.
- The polar bear campout was great. We had cold weather; it was a perfect day on Saturday. The scouts went sled riding and did well adhering to the rules of staying outdoors for 24 hours to earn the award. Six boys and two girls attended.
- Seventeen boys and five girls are signed up to attend the March campout. Robb, Kevin, and Denise are the troop leaders attending.
- There is a summer camp intro meeting tonight to discuss the registration process. Craig will handle the admin for the boys' troop, and Irene will do admin for the girls. Robb will handle all the onsite paperwork and documents for the week at camp.
- Troop scholarships will be announced tonight. Application process TBA.
- The girls are working on the Public Speaking merit badge. They will begin the Reading merit badge. A library visit is scheduled for March 19. Boys are welcome to also do the badge.
- There is no space to meet at the church during Holy Week (April 16). Robb will check into doing swim tests at the Brecksville pool as an alternative meeting place.
- Broadview Heights' councilman Brian Wolf will be at tonight's meeting for rank requirement 9A.

Outdoor/Activities Chair, Boys (Craig – no report)

Secretary (Cristie)

- The spaghetti dinner flyer and a donation request form are attached to this month's meeting notes.
- PR for the March 15 spaghetti dinner will begin ASAP.

Treasurer (Sal)

- 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

- The boys' troop proposed budget for 2025 was presented and accepted by the committee.
- Going forward, boys' campout costs will be \$15 for a weekend with no facility rental and \$20 for a weekend with a facility rental. Facility = cabin, pavilion, etc.
- Sal would like to recognize and acknowledge Gail Hallis for her years as the girls' troop treasurer. Thank you to Gail for her incredible organizational skills and record-keeping. Gail was the troop treasurer since the girls' inception in 2019.
- The treasurer role transition from Gail to Sal is complete. Sal will have a proposed budget for the girls' troop in April.

Fundraising (Janet, Robby)

- The girls' troop Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is March 15. Robby Maher is coordinating the fundraiser. A flyer and promotional items have been created. An announcement was in this past weekend's church bulletin. Donations are requested for raffle baskets. The girls' troop will need many helpers to make this event happen. Boy troop members are encouraged to help and can earn service hours for being at the event.
- Discussion: Increasing the sale price of pop and water to increase our revenue at Brecksville Home Days. Currently, the price is \$1 per item.

Advancement (Brian)

- Pennilane Carlisle has offered to be the new Advancement Chair for both troops. She will submit an application and begin the steps to become a troop/St. Basil volunteer. Thank you, Pennilane!
- A new email address has been established for troop members to reach the Advancement Chair. To request a board of review or ask questions about advancement, send an email to advancement@troop652bsa.org

Membership & Training

- Jon Strychasz will be joining the troop as an assistant scoutmaster. He is completing his steps to become a troop/St. Basil volunteer. Thank you, Jon!

Equipment Coordinator (Jim – no report)

- A new adapter hose or O-ring is needed for one of the 20# propane tanks. The tank may not be fixable and will need to be swapped at a store.
- The back door seals on the boys' trailer may have been damaged during the last campout weekend. There was some issue with opening the doors since they may have been frozen shut. Shelving needs to be completed in the nose of the boys' trailer.
- Charcoal was purchased for the February campout.

Service Projects

- 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.
- Discussion: Local organization Trails for Hope provides food bags for the unhoused and shut ins. How can the troop get involved.
- Discussion: Recruiting an adult volunteer that can find and coordinate service projects for the troop.
- 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.

IV. New business

V. Announcements

- The Venture Crew has openings for two scouts and one adult for the high adventure at Northern Tier from July 1-11, 2025. Interested parties should see Mrs. Melnykowski.

VI. Adjournment

Denise adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM. The next committee meeting will be held on April 2, 2025 at 6:30 PM. This is a change from the regular schedule.

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

Draft notes submitted by Cristie on March 4, 2025. Reviewed and approved by Denise on March 5, 2025.

Troop 652G
**SPAGHETTI DINNER
FUNDRAISER**



**Spaghetti in Marinara
Meatballs
Garlic Bread
Salad
Dessert Table**

**Recommended
minimum
donation
\$10/person**

**MARCH 15, 2025
5:00-9:00 PM
ST. BASIL PARISH CENTER**



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Troop 652G is an all-girl Scouts BSA troop at St. Basil the Great Catholic Church. 652G was founded on February 1, 2019 when Boy Scouts of America opened up its iconic Scouting program to young women.

Our troop looks forward to having your support at our annual spaghetti dinner!

Dear Neighbor,

Girls Troop 652 is a Scout Troop from St. Basil the Great, committed to building the character, courage, and leadership skills of young girls, enabling them to make the world a better place. As part of our annual fundraising initiative, we are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on March 15 from 5pm to 9pm at St. Basil the Great Parish Center, where we aim to raise enough funds to support our programming for the entire next year. We believe that every girl deserves the chance to discover her strengths, to learn team-building and leadership skills, and to develop a strong sense of self.

We are reaching out to you today with a heartfelt request for your support. There are several ways you can contribute to our Spaghetti Dinner. We are looking for contributions in the form of baskets or gift cards for our silent auction, a highlight of our event. These baskets can be filled with items of your choice and will be auctioned off to raise funds, but no alcohol, please. Additionally, we are looking for services and supplies for the Spaghetti Dinner itself. From cooking utensils to volunteers who can help us serve the dinner, every contribution is valuable and appreciated. Lastly, the most direct way to contribute is by making a monetary donation, which will directly fund our girls' experiences.

Your support will not only help us reach our fundraising goal but will also have a profound impact on the lives of the young girls we serve. With every donation, you are helping to mold future leaders and change-makers, making our community, and the world, a better place.

Please consider joining us in this worthwhile cause. To make a donation or to learn more about the event, please visit our website at <https://girls.troop652bsa.org/spaghetti-dinner-2025/>

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Girls Troop 652
Scouting America



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2024-2025

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MONDAYS, 6:15 - 7:45 PM

ST. BASIL PARISH CENTER

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MARCH 10TH

APRIL 7TH

OPEN TO ANY MIDDLE SCHOOL AGED STUDENT

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 5 - April 13

HELP SAVE LIVES IN CLEVELAND, PAINESVILLE, BEDFORD!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- 25,250 saved babies
- 157 closed facilities
- 267 converted workers

Here is how you can take part in 40 Days for Life in our communities:

Vigil locations: **Preterm** - 12000 Shaker Blvd. - Cleveland 44120

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Vigil hours: 7 am - 7 pm daily

Local contact: John Noall 216-245-9744
email: clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com

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