

Troop 652 Parent Committee
Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: May 28, 2025

Meeting Location: St. Basil Parish Center, Classroom 8

Present: Denise Weisfelder, Jim Yoxtheimer, Shawna Melnykowski, Kevin Snyder, Robb Metyk, Irene Christian, Sal Caruso, Janet Sommers, Jane Mahoney, Cristie Snyder

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, Kevin, and Robb)

- Kevin: The May campout went well. Nice site. The boys did well with cooking. Getting good use of the camp oven they purchased at Klondike, making cakes and pizza. First year scouts incorporated well. A lot of fishing time for all. Next up is summer camp. Nine slots have been filled for the June 8 Parish Picnic. The July or August campout will be offered to the girls as well. Thinking of a fishing or canoe trip or a weekend at Wright Patterson.
- Robb: Forms for Manatoc are due today. 30 boys, 1 unpaid, most paid half. 4 leaders, all paid. If we would like to reserve for next year, it will be \$100. We can pick anything currently open. We may need to consider a larger site.
- Irene: sites to think about, Concord holds 50, Buckeye holds 60, Chestnut holds 40, Dan Beard holds 38.
- All leaders decided to look at the sites while at summer camp and choose a site for 2026 summer camp.
- Robb: All kids will need to decide how they are tenting and with whom. Siblings can tent together of the same gender regardless of age. There will be enough platform tents for the girls. Will map this out prior to arrival at camp.
- Shawna: May campout went well. Girls are considering a bike/train trip in July, boys will be invited as well. August 23rd will be a Horsemanship merit badge, considering turning this into a campout. Would like to start having the boys' SPL/ASPL attend the girls PLC as well. We will need to assign Den Chiefs in the fall. Girls would like to start the Cooking merit badge prior to Manatoc. Also, they would like to start the Communications merit badge. Remember the Eagle COR June 7th for Sarah, Joanna, Sam.
 - Side note: Venture Crew received a \$1,000 donation today.

Outdoor/Activities Chair, Boys (Craig – not present)

- Craig is not present but asked to have a group discussion on the topic of permission slips. LEC states permission slips per activity are not required. However, Denise presented concerns that event-specific permission slips provide the most current contact information for guardians while the scouts are on a troop outing. The med forms have a permission area on the front but are only updated once per year. Also, a parent filling out the permission slip acknowledges that they know the dates and location of the event. Decided to keep permission slips for now, have the summer to figure out if there is a better platform instead of paper forms.

Secretary (Cristie)

- Our website hosting service has migrated to Bluehost, following their acquisition of Hostmonster.
- Cristie to track down invoice for 5-year domain name renewal that was recently paid and forward to Sal.
- Thanks to Denise for covering as secretary for the beginning of today's meeting!
- Cristie to create a committee member-specific GroupMe for necessary business reminders and quick conversations about troop business.
- Robb requested a boys' troop GroupMe for Manatoc summer camp attendees. Cristie will create one.

Treasurer (Sal)

- Monthly financial reports for both troops were provided for inclusion with committee notes. Available to all troop members on request.
- There will be a troop dues announcement in mid-summer. The amount is TBD following the unit fundraisers. Typically, annual troop dues are collected June 1.
- The girls' troop is now financially sound due to recent donations and fundraisers.
- Camperships were distributed to the awardees. Congrats to the winners!
- Committee approved the purchase of new items for the boys' troop. A list of items and costs was provided by SPL.
- Discussion: Use of parish tax-exempt certificate/ID number for unit purchases.
- 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

Fundraising (Janet, Robby)

- Janet sent the donation request email out tonight for the boys' annual Pop & Water Sale. Cases of pop, coolers, and wagons are needed. The shift sign-up was also shared with the troop. All scouts and parents need to work a shift.
- Scott and Sally Dubitsky, retired Pop & Water Sale Coordinators for the troop, will help with behind-the-scenes logistics of operating our booth at Home Days.
- Discussion: Prices of vendor beverages at Home Days and establishing updated pricing for any items we will sell. Committee agreed to increase our prices slightly and assess how it goes during Home Days.

Advancement (Pennilane – no report)

- Samantha Martin earned Eagle rank.
- To request a board of review or ask questions about advancement, send an email to advancement@troop652bsa.org

Membership & Training (no report)

Equipment Coordinator (Jim)

- Jim said the boys SPL made a wish list of equipment for the boys' troop. An additional patrol box with items is needed. This was approved during Treasurer report.
- Discussion: Jim presented the idea of food coolers and dry box set-up for campouts. Before camping, grubmasters will take a troop cooler and a dry box for food shopping and storage. Girls need one food cooler and one dry box while boys need three food coolers and one dry box to round out equipment. Items are on sale right now. Questions about size and if all new items will fit well in the trailers. Coolers and dry boxes need to be different colors, marked, or labeled for clarity for the patrols. Purchases approved by committee.

Service Projects (no report)

III. Old business

IV. New business

V. Announcements

- The troop committee seeks an adult volunteer that can find and coordinate service projects for troop members.

VI. Adjournment

Denise adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM. The next committee meeting will be held on June 25, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

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

Draft notes submitted by Denise and Cristie on June 2, 2025. Reviewed and approved by Denise on June 3, 2025.