

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

Meeting Date: June 25, 2025

Meeting Location: St. Basil Parish Center, Classroom 9

Present: Denise Weisfelder, Irene Christian, Cristie Snyder, Kevin Snyder, Jerry Blayne, Robb Metyk, Pennilane Carlisle, Craig Moore, Sal Caruso, Jane Mahoney, Shawna Melnykowski, Janet Sommers

I. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Denise called to order the regular meeting of the Troop 652 Parent Committee at 6:40 PM.

II. Scoutmaster Open Discussion (Shawna, Kevin, Robb)

- Manatoc summer camp went well. Twenty-nine boys and six girls attended Manatoc summer camp. It rained 5 of the 7 days. Campers experienced 6" of rain and 8" of mud! There was a day where shelter was necessary due to tornado warnings. Many of our new kids were troopers though two went home early. Many merit badges earned including some leader awards. Three leaders attended a training on how to retain older scouts and keep them involved in Scouting.
- Leaders and scouts walked Manatoc and looked at the two bigger campsites (Concord and Buckeye) to see if they would be appropriate for our troop. It was decided that we would continue to reserve Dan Beard campsite and it will accommodate our troop. This year, we had 7 open platform tents at Dan Beard due to so many scouts bringing their own tent. Deposit placed for 2026 summer camp week 1 at Manatoc.
- The boys will be doing a presentation of other, additional options for summer camp in 2026.
- Discussion: Backpacking opportunities for the troop. Boys' troop leaders would like to train the older boys on backpacking so they can pass the knowledge down to the many younger scouts in the troop. SPL to plan for upcoming outings with potential for day hikes building to overnights.
- Robby Maher and Robb Metyk have completed training to do BSA's religious awards. They are working now to determine a timeline for when to start the award. The timeline and workload are pretty intense. Might start in September with completion in February/March.
- The girls' troop is also interested in backpacking. They may choose to a backpacking outing for the fall. Potential ride & rails activity at CVNP in July and the Horsemanship MB is in August.

Outdoor/Activities Chair, Boys (Craig)

- Craig is waiting for direction for the boys regarding their next activities.

Secretary (Cristie)

- Everyone is welcome to put any photos, announcements, or articles they'd like to share in the troop's Facebook Group. Group sharing works best if all members participate. Sometimes, photo albums have been created for specific events, activities, or campouts so, if they're available, please try to use them to keep things well-organized. We all appreciate seeing photos, information, and different perspectives!
- The 2025 Manatoc Summer Camp photo album is posted in our Facebook Group.

Treasurer (Sal)

- Monthly financial reports for both troops were provided for inclusion with committee notes. Available to all troop members on request.
- Pennilane will have a credit card for advancement purchases. Denise, Sal, and Pennilane to visit bank. Brian's credit card to be closed.

- Financials are healthy. Due to successful fundraisers and financial donations, both troops are up since 2024.
- Discussion: Dues for Eagles Scouts. The boys' troop has been waving dues for Eagles for the last few years. Necessity of charging Eagles a troop dues fee for this year.
  - No dues for all Eagle Scouts in 2025 -- Motion Craig, Second Janet. 7 yes, 1 no. Passed.
  - \$10 dues for all other troop members (boys and girls) in 2025 – Motion Craig, Second Sal. 8 yes, 0 no. Passed.
  - Troop dues will be requested by September 1. Sal to send an email to all families.
- 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 (Janet, Robby)

- The troop's Home Days pop and water sale was very successful! A revenue report was provided for inclusion with committee notes. Available to all troop members on request.
- Kudos to inaugural chairs Janet and Matt for coordinating the sale for the troop. And sincere props to Janet for providing a detailed fundraising report and analysis afterwards.
- Event takeaways: To control inventory and limit the variety of beverages we sell, there will be a sign-up for flavors/types of pop/beverages. Other small adjustments to be put in place too.
- One cooler was broken during the weekend. Janet will speak with the owner/family about replacement.

#### Advancement (Pennilane)

- Summer camp yielded over 100 merit badges for the boys plus some partials. Discussion on how partials are handled by the troop. Girls completed all badges and had no partials. Badges will be distributed as they are earned.
- Noah B. completed his Eagle Project, all paperwork, and submitted his final application packet to council before his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Grady W. is working on his Eagle Project now.
- To request a board of review or ask questions about advancement, send an email to [advancement@troop652bsa.org](mailto:advancement@troop652bsa.org)

#### Membership & Training (no report)

- Possibly one pending membership.

#### Equipment Coordinator (Jim)

- The equipment approved at last month's meeting was purchased and has been delivered.
- The girls' troop needs a new canopy tent, safety equipment, and trailer shelving. A wish list is coming from the girls' troop.

#### Service Projects (no report)

- St. Basil has requested the help of 2-4 scouts on Saturday, July 19 in the Parish Center at 1:00 PM. The parish needs assistance with taking down tables and chairs.
- The troop committee seeks an adult volunteer that can find and coordinate service projects for troop members.

### III. Old business

IV. New business

- Discussion: Parent Lounge during troop meetings in a separate space to foster connectivity and engagement amongst troop parents.
- Broadview Heights Councilman Brian Wolf approached our scoutmasters about a flag retirement ceremony during a summer block party in the city. The ceremony would be held in front of City Hall with firefighters in attendance to oversee the burn. Group discussion yielded potential dates of August 16 or September 13.
- Discussion: Set up an annual planning meeting for the committee. We could cover recruitment, fundraising, courts of honor, and budgets. This could be held in the same vein as the annual planning meeting that the program side coordinates.

V. Announcements

- Venture Crew has determined that their 2026 high adventure will be to Philmont Scout Reservation.
- Janet was approached about having the troop attend and present the Colors at an upcoming naturalization ceremony at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School on September 9. The ceremony is at 10:00 AM. This could be a possible tie-in to the Cit. World merit badge. More details to come.

VI. Adjournment

Denise adjourned the meeting at 8:21 PM. The next committee meeting will be held on July 23, 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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