

Troop 652 Parent Committee
Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: September 24, 2025

Meeting Location: St. Basil Parish Center, Classroom 9

Present: Denise Weisfelder, Kevin Snyder, Robb Metyk, Irene Christian, Dee Nemeth, Craig Moore, Cristie Snyder, Pennilane Carlisle, Shawna Melnykowski, Renee Buszta, Sal Caruso, Jerry Blayne

I. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Denise called to order the regular meeting of the Troop 652 Parent Committee at 6:34 PM.

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

- The MAPS campout for the Aviation merit badge is this weekend. TJ Manion is coordinating.
- The Red Pine campsite has been booked for the October 24-26 campout at Firelands. There is easy parking and a pavilion near this new campsite past the dining hall.
- The boys will continue doing more structured meetings with designated plans. They started the Cooking merit badge and are working towards skill-based cooking at the upcoming campout. The boys PLC will need to do more work to set specific meeting plans at their monthly meetings.
- The boys are revamping patrols tonight. SPL elections will happen in late October/early November.
- The girls have a new SPL, Lily Maher, and Greta Weisfelder as ASPL. The girls will be assigning duties.
- The girls will be offsite on October 1, helping Skye with her conservation project installing bee boxes.
- The girls would like to start the series of Citizenship merit badges. They are also working on the Cooking merit badge.
- Shawna was contacted by St. Basil Social Concerns. They requested the girls help at the Fair-Trade Fair the weekend of November 8-9. More details to come.
- The Venture Crew will do a prep hike for Philmont on October 18. They'll hike 10 miles with 25 lb. packs. Troop scouts are welcome to join them.
- Robby Maher and Robb Metyk are now trained to teach the religious emblems. Robb will send out an email to all troop members about the upcoming session that will run every Sunday from September-February.
- Den Chiefs are needed for local packs. Justin is working on a list.
- Kevin announced that he will be stepping down as Scoutmaster at the end of the year. After many years of service, it's someone else's turn! The troop will need to decide on a replacement SM for the boys. He will tell the scouts at the troop meeting this evening.

Outdoor/Activities Chair, Boys (Craig)

- The October campout dates are set, and November is TBD. The boys will discuss a December holiday event.
- Seven Ranges Scout Reservation in Kensington, Ohio has been selected as the location for the boys second week of summer camp in 2026. Week 1 summer camp will be at Manatoc in June.
- Craig announced that he is interested in switching to the program side of troop leadership and volunteering in a different capacity. We'll need a new outings chair for the troop committee.

Secretary (Cristie)

- Boy Troop: If you are on the boys' troop mailing list, you are able to communicate with all members of the boys' troop by sending an email through troopmembers@troop652bsa.org and troop-652-boys@googlegroups.com
- Girl Troop: If you are on the girls' troop mailing list, you can communicate with all members of the girls' troop by sending an email through gtroopmembers@troop652bsa.org and troop652g@googlegroups.com
- Reminder: Parents should send an email to the troop secretary at information@troop652bsa.org to make any updates, changes, or additions to contact information. This includes email lists and GroupMe.

Treasurer (Sal)

- Annual troop dues of \$10 per scout were due to the troop treasurer by September 1. A reminder email was sent earlier today.
- Discussion: PayPal and percentage fees; determining a path forward for online payments.
- Monthly financial reports for both troops were 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

Fundraising (Janet, Robby – no report)

Advancement (Pennilane)

- Grady W. has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout!
- Troy S. completed his Eagle Project and submitted his final application packet to council. Alex F. also completed his Eagle Project and will be submitting his packet to council.
- Discussion: Purchase and provide position patches for youth leadership positions in boys' troop. Research number of positions and patches needed every year to include in the troop's annual budget.
- The next Court of Honor will be held on November 5.
- To request a board of review or ask questions about advancement, send an email to advancement@troop652bsa.org
- Scoutmaster conferences for the boys can be requested at scoutmaster@troops652bsa.org
- Scoutmaster conferences for the girls can be requested at scoutmastergtroop652@gmail.com

Membership & Training (no report)

- All St. Basil volunteers are required to take VIRTUS training. If you think you may want to join the troop on campouts or as a leader, it is highly recommended that you attend a VIRTUS session at your earliest convenience. See VIRTUS dates and locations at https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0
- Troop volunteer requirements can be viewed at <https://troop652bsa.org/volunteers-needed/>
- Denise has reviewed the list of trained leaders and many need to complete their training modules. Leaders will be notified that they need to complete their training.
- Discussion: The number of registered leaders, and their roles, in the boys' troop.

Equipment Coordinator (Jim – no report)

Service Projects (no report)

- Irene has a potential service project: RePlay for Kids. <https://replayforkids.org/>
- We need parents with ideas for service projects that are willing to coordinate the project for the troop. Please contact Denise Weisfelder committee.chair@troop652bsa.org to discuss.

III. Old business

IV. Announcements

- Thank you to Janet Sommers for coordinating the scouts for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Ceremony at BBHS in September.

V. Adjournment

Denise adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM. The next committee meeting will be held on October 22, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

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

Draft notes submitted by Cristie on October 1, 2025. Reviewed and approved by Denise on October 2, 2025.