

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

Meeting Date: October 22, 2025

Meeting Location: St. Basil Parish Center, Classroom 7

Present: Denise Weisfelder, Craig Moore, Cristie Snyder, Irene Christian, Kevin Snyder, Renee Buszta, Shawna Melnykowski, Jane Mahoney, Robb Metyk, Sal Caruso, Jerry Blayne

I. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Denise called to order the regular meeting of the Troop 652 Parent Committee at 6:37 PM.

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

- The troop's AOL campout is this weekend at Firelands. Additional local packs were contacted and invited to attend, if there was an interest. The campsite we're using is new (Red Pine) and has a pavilion.
- The boys will do a survival skills/wilderness survival campout overnight November 15-16. The activities will be targeted to age and skill level based on recent program decisions for troop activities.
- The girls will do a scout skills campout in November.
- A troop court of honor will be held November 5. To be included in this COH, all items must be submitted to the Advancement Chair by October 29.
- Our storage area in the Annex has recently been filled with a lot of unknown items. It's not certain where they came from or who they belong to. A sorting and cleanout of the storage space will be scheduled.
- There will be discussions in the PLC regarding the holiday party.
- Discussion: Plans for filling the boys Scoutmaster position. Potential and possibility of a short-term replacement and/or a long-term replacement for the troop role.
- Discussion: Current leader roles and adult registrations. Assistant Scoutmasters v. Unit Scouter Reserves. There are 50 registered youth for the boys and 15 for the girls with the potential to gain more at crossover. As our unit continues to expand, a leader meeting is needed with all active ASMs. We also need a mandatory unit parent meeting to discuss the troop's future.

Outdoor/Activities Chair, Boys (Craig)

- Boys' survival skills campout is November 15-16.
- Upcoming ideas for discussion in PLC: December holiday party, January Klondike, February cabin camping

Secretary (Cristie)

- Will send an email reminder to all about the troop COH on November 5.
- 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](mailto:troopmembers@troop652bsa.org) and [troop-652-boys@googlegroups.com](mailto: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](mailto:gtroopmembers@troop652bsa.org) and [troop652g@googlegroups.com](mailto:troop652g@googlegroups.com)
- Reminder: Parents should send an email to the troop secretary at [information@troop652bsa.org](mailto:information@troop652bsa.org) to make any updates, changes, or additions to contact information. This includes email lists and GroupMe.

Treasurer (Sal)

- Dues update: 50% of girls are paid and 75% of boys are paid. Annual dues of \$10 per scout were due on September 1.

- 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](mailto:treasurer@troop652bsa.org)

#### Fundraising (Janet, Robby – no report)

#### Advancement (Pennilane)

- Troy S. has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout!
- The next Court of Honor will be held on November 5. Submit all items for recognition by October 29!
- Discussion: Role patches need for boys youth leaders.
- To request a board of review or ask questions about advancement, send an email to [advancement@troop652bsa.org](mailto:advancement@troop652bsa.org)
- Scoutmaster conferences for the boys can be requested at [scoutmaster@troops652bsa.org](mailto:scoutmaster@troops652bsa.org)
- Scoutmaster conferences for the girls can be requested at [scoutmastergtroop652@gmail.com](mailto: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](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0)
- Troop volunteer requirements can be viewed at <https://troop652bsa.org/volunteers-needed/>

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

- Robb to create a list of additional needed equipment for boys such as a large pop-up tent, new garage shelving for Annex space, and storage totes.
- Robb requested to place an order for the new Eagle Scout stickers for the boys' troop trailer. Approved.
- Discussion: Boys trailer maintenance, repairs, and upgrades. Jerry and Sal will coordinate trailer work.

#### Service Projects (no report)

- Cristie reported that we received a request for volunteers on October 25 at a scheduled race in the Brecksville Reservation. The email was forwarded to members of both troops.
- 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](mailto:committee.chair@troop652bsa.org) to discuss.

#### III. Old business

- Discussion: Troop campership/scholarship planning for 2026. The process will begin in January.

#### IV. Announcements

- A mandatory unit parent meeting will be held on November 5 at 6:45 PM before the troop court of honor. Every family should have at least one parent or guardian attend.

#### V. Adjournment

Denise adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM. The next committee meeting will be a combined meeting for the months of November/December. The meeting will be held on December TBD, 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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Draft notes submitted by Cristie on October 28, 2025. Reviewed and approved by Denise on October 31, 2025.