

Troop 652 Parent Committee
Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: March 25, 2026

Meeting Location: St. Basil Parish Center Classroom 10

Present: Denise Weisfelder, Craig Moore, Cristie Snyder, Irene Christian, Shawna Melnykowski, Mike Taylor, Robb Metyk, Sal Caruso, Jane Mahoney, Pennilane Carlisle

I. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

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

II. Reports

Scoutmaster Open Discussion (Robb, Shawna, Irene)

- The girls' troop did not go backpacking with the venture crew.
- Order of the Arrow (OA) elections were held for both troops. Two girls and five boys are on the ticket. Induction is April 24-26 at Beaumont.
- BSA swim testing will be held next week (April 1) at the Brecksville Recreation Center. Testing and rank requirements will be held. Times will be assigned by patrol, so scouts arrive in waves and not all at once.
- Lake Erie Council's Trash the Trash Day will be held in conjunction with the annual Riversweep event on May 2. Irene to investigate it.
- Discussion: Troop leaders have not yet heard about the required day-long (6-8 hours) ILST that scouts must attend before NYLT. There is conversation about whether we'll conduct our own ILST for troop members registered for NYLT. We have enough registered older scouts that have been through NYLT to help with ILST.
- Scouting University was held this past weekend. The troop had leaders as teachers and attendees. Robb and Craig said it was good. Recommendation to create an onboarding effort for new families.
- Pack 652's crossover is April 18. We anticipate one girl and three boys crossing to our troop. Pack 810 will have their crossover on April 19, with potentially three boys crossing into the troop. Details yet to come for Pack 297's crossover.
- The boys' troop has implemented their new Scout program with 52 weeks planned out.
- Discussion: 250th Anniversary celebration of the USA and how Scouting is involved.
- The next PLC meeting will be held on April 8.

Outdoor/Activities (TJ – no report)

- April 17-19 is a campout weekend for both troops with Pack 652 at Camp Butler. Pack 652's Arrow of Light crossover ceremony will be held during the campout.
- Girls Troop: No campout in May but will do a day biking trip, June Manatoc summer camp.
- Boys Troop: May canoe trip, June Manatoc summer camp, July overnight backpacking, August Gettysburg National Park or Conneaut D-Day, September Wright-Patterson Air Force Base or Camp Tuscazoar.
- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is June 7-13 at Firelands. Scouts that would like to attend NYLT must inform their scoutmaster.
- Manatoc Summer Camp is June 21-27. TJ and Irene are managing registrations for summer camp.

Secretary (Cristie)

- An email from a troop we met in March at Camp Otter Run was forwarded to the boys' scoutmaster, outings chair, and committee chair.
- Contact the troop secretary at information@troop652bsa.org

Treasurer (Sal)

- 2026 budgets have been placed in the troop's Google Drive.
- Thanks to the spaghetti dinner, the girls' troop now has funds to do the necessary trailer repairs.
- Grubmaster receipts are needed from the last campouts.
- Discussion: Distribution of the Manatoc summer camp deposit. To help defray their cost, and as a thank you, the funds we paid to reserve our space (\$350) can be distributed equally amongst any leader attending summer camp full time for the week.
 - Motion to provide a credit for adult leaders at full time Manatoc summer camp made by Sal, second by Denise. Passed.
- 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)

- Girls' troop Spaghetti Dinner was a success! The troop netted over \$1,500.
- The boys' troop annual Pop & Water Sale is at Brecksville Home Days (June 19-21) the weekend before summer camp.
- A huge THANK YOU to the Brecksville American Legion Post 196 for their very generous financial donation to our four Scouting units. A check was presented to leaders on March 7.

Advancement (Pennilane)

- Owes Sal receipts from the Scout Shop.
- There were five rank-ups in the last month.
- There are many, many merit badge opportunities going on with Lake Erie Council, including Adventure Lab opportunities and career camps. Watch your email for notices!
- The troop's next Court of Honor is scheduled for May 6. An Eagle COH has been scheduled for Troy and Grady.
- To request a board of review or ask questions about advancement, scouts should 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 scoutmaster@troop652@gmail.com

Membership & Training (Mike)

- ILST needs to take place before NYLT. Do we have a firm count of how many kids are registered for NYLT?
- Registered adult leaders must complete the new required youth training – Safeguarding Youth – before May 31. Check my.Scouting.org for details.
- Leaders – check for your position-specific training and complete it.
- LEC will conduct Scoutmaster training in April and September. Wilderness First Aid training is highly recommended, too.
- 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/>
- Cristie nominated Mike to be our trainings chair. He accepted!

Equipment Coordinator (Jim – no report)

- The boys are considering a revamp/rethink of the patrol boxes. They need to consider what they need and come to the committee with a proposal and pricing.
- Trailer repairs will begin when the weather improves.

Service Projects (Sara – no report)

- Project ideas include the Cleveland Foodbank, Zelig's Home, Bishop Cosgrove Center, Westside Catholic Center, and Medwish International.
- St. Basil's annual Parish Picnic will be June 7.

III. Old business

IV. Announcements

- An Eagle Court of Honor celebrating Troy Snyder and Grady Wachs will be held May 2 in the Family Life Center. A save the date went out. Watch for a more formal invitation.
- Scouts receiving the Ad Altari Dei award will be celebrated on May 3 at St. John's Cathedral in Downtown Cleveland.
- Venture Crew 652 celebrates its 20th anniversary this year! A picnic will be held April 25 at the Cleveland Metroparks Oak Grove Picnic Area in Brecksville or an alternate location in the park. The crew will have a raffle of gently-used camping gear at the event. All are welcome to attend!
- Venture Crew 652's annual Pancake Breakfast is April 26.

V. Adjournment

Denise adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM. The next meeting will be held on April 22, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Draft notes submitted by Cristie on April 6, 2026. Reviewed and approved by Denise on April 8, 2026.

TROOP CALENDAR OF EVENTS (DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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

April 17-19: Troop Campout, Camp Butler

April 18: Pack 652 Crossover Ceremony

April 19: Pack 810 Crossover Ceremony

April 22: Earth Day / Troop Committee Meeting

April 24-26: OA Induction Ceremony, Beaumont

April 25: Venture Crew 20th Anniversary Picnic, Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville Reservation

April 26: Venture Crew Pancake Breakfast

May 2: Trash the Trash Day

May 2: Eagle COH for Troy and Grady

May 3: Ad Altari Dei Ceremony, St. John's Cathedral

May 6: Troop COH

May 10: Mother's Day

May 13: PLC Meeting

May 25: Memorial Day

May 27: Troop Committee Meeting

May 29-31: Boys Troop Campout

June 7: St. Basil Parish Picnic

June 7-12: National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), Firelands

June 10: PLC Meeting (tentative)

June 14: Flag Day

June 19-21: Brecksville Home Days / Boys Troop Pop & Water Sale

June 21: Father's Day

June 21-27: Summer Camp, Manatoc

June 24: Troop Committee Meeting (tentative)

July 4: Independence Day

July 8: PLC Meeting

July 17-30: Venture Crew Philmont High Adventure Trip

July 22: Troop Committee Meeting