

Troop 652 Parent Committee
Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: April 22, 2026

Meeting Location: St. Basil Parish Center Classroom 10

Present: Cristie Snyder, Cory Webber, Craig Moore, Kevin Snyder, Denise Weisfelder, Robb Metyk, Mike Taylor, Shawna Melnykowski, Jerry Blayne, Sal Caruso, Robby Maher

I. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

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

II. Reports

Scoutmaster Open Discussion (Robb, Shawna)

- The troop campout/AOL crossover took place this past weekend. The weekend was fun but very muddy, and the Scout Olympics went well and will be included going forward. The Olympics highlighted necessary areas of practice and improvement needed with Scout skills. One girl and 6 boys bridged from Pack 652. It is unknown how many crossovers will continue and attend our troop meetings.
- Four boys bridged from Pack 810 this past weekend. We had troop scouts at their event to welcome them.
- The troop is participating in the Liberty in Action award in celebration of the USA's 250th anniversary. The requirements are varied and can be completed throughout the year. Tonight's troop meeting activity of candle making will accomplish one of those requirements.
- Robb mentioned that the boys troop placed neckerchiefs on the boys who crossed over but collected those neckerchiefs back after the event. For the boys who remain with the troop and earn Scout rank, they will receive the new neckerchief again along with their rank patch.
- In preparation for NYLT, Lilly, Luke, and Cheyenne will attend Great Trail Council's ILST this weekend.
- Please volunteer to help at the Venture Crew's Pancake Breakfast on April 26.
- May 2 is Trash the Trash Day. Participants should sign-up on Riversweep's website but also complete the troop's separate sign-up so Mrs. Christian knows who is participating. See the emails from Mrs. Christian.
- An Eagle COH is being hosted by the families of Troy and Grady on May 2. An email invitation went out to both troops. Please RSVP to Mrs. Wachs.
- Nine scouts have earned the Ad Altari Dei Catholic Medal. They will be recognized in a ceremony at St. John's Cathedral with the bishop on May 3. Twenty-seven scouts in Lake Erie Council earned the award and nine of them are from our troop.
- The troop has earned the Pope Saint Paul VI National Catholic Unit Excellence Award.
- Discussion: The new programming changes at Manatoc Summer Camp are not ideal. The biggest one, block scheduling, will limit the number of merit badges that Scouts can earn. There are also significant changes to the items for first-year Scouts.
- Robb has requested the parish schedule a Virtus training at St. Basil so our volunteers can complete the training at our parish instead of traveling elsewhere.

Outdoor/Activities (Craig, TJ)

- The girls are planning a canoeing activity May 29-30, an Ohio Pyle whitewater rafting weekend in July, and backpacking.
- The boys are planning a canoeing weekend at Beaumont May 29-31, backpacking this summer, and possibly a longer weekend to Gettysburg.
- All medical paperwork for Manatoc summer camp must be submitted to Mrs. Christian and Mr. Manion by June 3.

- Contact the troop outings chairs at outings@troop652bsa.org

Secretary (Cristie)

- An email regarding First Aid Training and CPR classes was forwarded to all troop members.
- The Parent Resource Survey sheet, for gathering contact details and information about new troop scouts, is now a Google Form. The link will be sent to new families in welcome emails with the Quick Start Guide.
- Contact information for new troop scouts and their family members will be added to our troop records as we receive it.
- Please post or share photos with Cristie so we can promote our troop activities. There are many things coming up in the next few months: campouts, induction ceremonies, service projects, awards. Providing some details and background information about the event is helpful too.
- Contact the troop secretary at information@troop652bsa.org

Treasurer (Sal)

- 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)

- Denise will reach out to Janet regarding plans for the June pop & water sale during Brecksville Home Days. It will be here before we know it!

Advancement (Pennilane – no report)

- The troop's next Court of Honor is May 6. All scouts must have items submitted no later than April 29 to be recognized at the COH.
- 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 scoutmastergtroop652@gmail.com

Membership & Training (Mike)

- DO YOUR TRAINING!!!! SYT and position-specific training for all leaders is required.
- Don't wait to do the new training. Registered adult leaders must complete the new required youth training – Safeguarding Youth – before May 31. Check my.Scouting.org for details.
- There are mobile wall climbing training dates scheduled for this month. Craft of Training (aka. EDGE) will be held on May 16. Roundtable is scheduled for May 21. All dates and registration are posted on LEC's calendar.
- Read Sacred Texts is an activity available to all on May 7.
- Robb is signed up for Wood Badge.
- 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/>

Equipment Coordinator (Jim – no report)

- Robb stated that the boys trailer needs work, the crossover bridge requires maintenance, and troop camping gear needs an assessment.
- Discussion: Necessary repairs to the boys' trailer include wiring replacement or improvements, a new wiring harness, repairing interior shelves, propane tank holders, scraping and painting the frame, and replacing the wheel bearings. The bolt hitch freezes and has been repaired multiple times; there is a new bolt hitch on a shelf in our storage garage. The girls' trailer needs to be painted and requires a spare tire. A timeline and firm dates were discussed for the work to be accomplished.

Service Projects (Sara – no report)

- Options for service projects include Cleveland Kids Book Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter, conducting a toy drive, and the Cleveland Foodbank.
- All organizations are booking their volunteer groups 3-4 months out. Aim for a fall activity date.

III. Old business

IV. New Business

- Jerry proposed changes to the way Grubmasters receive funds and shop for campout. Discussion: Grubmaster and parent understanding of the requirements. How to make it easier for parents. Training the kids in what they need to do and accomplish when they are in that role. Cory will be a coach for the role and talk with the Grubmasters before a campout. Scoutmaster, Outings Chair, and Treasurer MUST be part of this conversation and any changes that are implemented.
- Discussion: Changing the standing week for committee meetings (i.e., moving from fourth Wednesday to first or third Wednesday) to accommodate Pack 652's schedule and make it easier for parents with children in both units (pack, troop) to attend and participate in committee. No decision made at this time.

V. Announcements

- Please RSVP for the Eagle Court of Honor celebrating Troy Snyder and Grady Wachs.
- 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 and a bake sale at the event. All are welcome to attend!
- Venture Crew 652's annual Pancake Breakfast is April 26.

VI. Adjournment

Denise adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM. The next meeting will be held on May 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Draft notes submitted by Cristie on April 23, 2026. Reviewed and approved by Denise on April 29, 2026.

TROOP CALENDAR OF EVENTS (DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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

April 24-26: OA Induction Ceremony, Beaumont

April 25: Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Camp Stambaugh, Great Trail Council

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 29-30: Girls Troop Campout/Canoeing, Location TBD
May 29-31: Boys Troop Campout/Canoeing, Beaumont

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