

Troop 652 Parent Committee
Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: July 22, 2026

*** Committee did not meet in June. ***

Meeting Location: St. Basil Parish Center Parish Office

Present: Denise Weisfelder, Irene Christian, Pennilane Carlisle, Jerry Blayne, Jane Mahoney, Cristie Snyder, Sal Caruso

I. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Denise called to order the regular meeting of the Troop 652 Parent Committee at 6:35 PM.

II. Reports

Scoutmaster Open Discussion (Irene; Robb, Shawna – no report)

- Six girls attended Manatoc Summer Camp. Most merit badges were fully earned with only a few partials.
- Twenty-six boys attended Manatoc Summer Camp. Many badges were earned, and Robb provided reports to any scout who only earned a partial.
- During summer camp, the troop won the Manatoc Critter Contest. The boys troop won the volleyball championship. In the leader contest, Robb and Steve tied for second place to make the biggest splash in the pool.
- Both troop hikes for the boys were not well attended, with only 6-7 kids at each activity.
- Both troops are working on the 250 Award. The girls are almost done.
- The committee inquired about whether the change to block scheduling at Manatoc was successful. It seems like scouts had the opportunity to earn less badges this year. Irene stated that all leaders who attended Manatoc Summer Camp should complete the survey. She will forward it to leaders.
- Leaders will meet with church admin on August 17 at 7:00 PM.

Outdoor/Activities (Craig, TJ - no report)

- The girls' troop will do a hiking campout in early August.
- Contact the troop outings chairs at outings@troop652bsa.org

Secretary (Cristie)

- Leaders with troop email addresses should watch for SPAM and malicious links in troop email accounts.
- Cristie will be retiring from the role of troop secretary. The troop will need one or two volunteers to act as recording secretary (committee meetings, troop records, communications) and/or corresponding secretary (social media, website, communications). There is also a need for a person to do the new scout welcomes. Yes, Cristie will train her replacement(s). Please contact Denise if you can assist with these committee roles.
- Contact the troop secretary at information@troop652bsa.org

Treasurer (Sal)

- The girls' troop was the recipient of a nice cash donation in early June. Shawna was sending a thank you note.
- A 2027 summer camp deposit was placed at Manatoc for both troops.
- There has been no decision on ordering new troop checks.
- Discussion: Troop dues in 2026.
 - Sal made a motion to charge dues of \$10/scout. Seconded by Pennilane. Dues are payable to the treasurer by September 2. Sal will send an email to both troops.

- 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)

- The Pop & Water Sale generated funds for the troop, but most likely lower than 2025. Weather, staffing, and expenses affected the fundraiser. Still waiting for final numbers.

Advancement (Pennilane)

- All Manatoc badges/awards have been entered in Scoutbook.
- Pennilane will be going through the badge binder to audit what we have on hand.
- Discussion: Troop Courts of Honor. # of COH in a year, and if one should be held right after summer camp. A quick history about the COH and why they were placed on the annual troop calendar with the current date schedule. How to beef up the current troop COH to make it more impactful and ceremonial. Currently, SPLs collaborate and work hard on the script leading up to a COH. The ceremony MC may need more time to practice.
- 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 – no report)

Equipment Coordinator (Jim – no report)

- Discussion: There was a workday for the boys' troop trailer on June 13. Repairs focused on exterior mechanical repairs. The wheel bearings were replaced, replaced the tongue jack, painted the trailer tongue and hitch, and replaced wiring on the passenger side. Thoughtful decisions will need to be made about interior repairs and redesign.
- The girls are doing a clean-out of their trailer for exterior painting.

Service Projects (Sara – no report)

- Irene will schedule an Edgewater Beach Clean-Up activity for September 13. Hours are 10:00-12:00. There is no minimum age. Irene will send an email to the troops with details and a sign up. Volunteers should register early to be guaranteed a spot!
- Independence UMC holds a free community meal on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Volunteers are always needed to help prep food, serve, and clean up. Earn up to 4 service hours per meal. See Shawna Melnykowski for details.
- Mary Queen of Peace Church in Cleveland distributes produce from the Greater Cleveland Food Bank on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Volunteers are always needed to help bag, pack, and distribute boxes through their drive-through. Earn up to 3.5 service hours per meal. See Shawna Melnykowski for details.
- Independence UMC Youth Ministry seeks volunteers to help at their pizza and pop booth during Independence Home Days from August 7-8. Service hours are provided. See the emails from Katrina Yeigh for details.
- A U.S. Naturalization Ceremony will be held at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School on September 11. It will be held in the morning. Scouts at BBHS will be invited to attend. Details to come.

- III. Old business
- 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/>
- IV. Announcements
- The Venture Crew is currently at Philmont. The crew returns to Ohio on July 30.
 - We're quickly approaching the first days of school for our scouts: August 19 (Brecksville-Broadview Heights), August 20 (Cuyahoga Heights), August 24 (Independence), and August 25 (Parma).
 - Pack 652 will host their annual join Open House at St. Basil on Wednesday, August 26.
- V. Adjournment
- Denise adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM. The next meeting will be held on August 26, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Draft notes submitted by Cristie on July 27, 2026. Reviewed and approved by Denise on July 29, 2026.

TROOP CALENDAR OF EVENTS (DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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

July 17-30: Venture Crew High Adventure | Philmont SR, Cimarron, NM

July 22: Troop Committee Meeting

August 1-2: Boys Troop Backpacking Overnight | Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Brecksville, OH

August 1-2: Girls Troop Hiking MB Campout | Pierpont, OH

August 12: PLC Meeting

August 14-16: OA Summer Induction Weekend | Firelands SR, Wakeman, OH

August 26: Pack 652 Open House/Recruiting Event

August 26: Troop Committee Meeting

September 2: Troop dues payment (\$10/scout)

September 7: Labor Day

September 9: PLC Meeting

September 11: Patriot Day

September 13: Edgewater Beach Clean-Up | Cleveland, OH (register early to grab your spot!!)

September 18-20: OA Fall Induction Weekend | Beaumont SR, Rock Creek, OH

September 23: Troop Committee Meeting

September 25-27: Boys Troop LEC's Haunted Tractor Campout | Beaumont SR, Rock Creek, OH

October 12: Columbus Day

October 14: PLC Meeting

October 28: Troop Committee Meeting

October 31: Halloween

November 4: Troop Court of Honor

November 11: Veterans Day

November 11: PLC Meeting

November TBD: Troop Committee Meeting

November 26: Thanksgiving Day