

Troop 652 Parent Committee
Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: August 26, 2026

Meeting Location: St. Basil Parish Center (Main Room)

Present: Denise Weisfelder, Amanda Mance-Wilkinson, Cristie Snyder, Shawna Melnykowski, Cory Webber, Sal Caruso

I. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Denise called to order the regular meeting of the Troop 652 Parent Committee at 6:38 PM.

II. Reports

Scoutmaster Open Discussion (Shawna)

- The girls' troop will hold their SPL election on September 16.
- Upcoming activities for the girls include Haunted Tractor Camporee campout (September 25-27), troop recruitment event (September 30), AOL campout at Butler (October), rock climbing at Kendall Cliffs, Scoutsgiving campout or service project (November).
- Upcoming activities for the boys' troop includes the Haunted Tractor Camporee campout (September 25-27) and AOL campout at Butler (October).
- The Personal Fitness merit badge was started.
- All troop members are encouraged to register for the September 13 Edgewater Beach Clean-up. Registration info was sent by Mrs. Christian. This is a conservation service project.
- Venture Crew 652 had a difficult but fantastic high adventure at Philmont. The crew, which included members of Troop 810 and Troop 652, hiked 60+ miles over 7 days with a 4,000 feet elevation change. Of note: they completed 10+ miles in one day. The crew recently held officer elections, started the Backpacking merit badge (some trips are coming up to fulfill requirements), and chose Sea Base as their high adventure for 2027.

Outdoor/Activities (Craig, TJ – no report)

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

Secretary (Cristie)

- Seasonal information about Ohiopyle, hosting a foreign exchange scout, and other general interest emails were forwarded to the scoutmasters, outings chair, and committee chair.
- Cristie is retiring from the role of troop secretary. One or two volunteers are needed 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. Contact Denise if you can assist with these roles.
- Contact the troop secretary at information@troop652bsa.org

Treasurer (Sal)

- Sal met with Janet Sommers for a wrap-up of the annual Pop & Water Sale at Brecksville Home Days. Sales for this year were lower, down by 22%, due to external factors i.e., weather. The boys' troop profited over \$2,500. Janet and Matt are happy to continue coordinating the fundraiser for the troop.
- Sal will send an email out about troop dues.
- 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 – no report)

- 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)

- The troops have inquired with the Parish Office if there will be a VIRTUS training held at St. Basil.

Equipment Coordinator (Jim – no report)

Service Projects (Sara – no report)

- Edgewater Beach Clean-Up is scheduled for September 13. Hours are 10:00-12:00. There is no minimum age. See the emails from Irene Christian for the 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.
- A U.S. Naturalization Ceremony will be held at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School on September 9. It will be held in the morning. Scouts at BBHS will be invited to attend. Details to come.

III. Old business

- Adult volunteers are needed for the roles of recording secretary and/or corresponding secretary, new scout welcome wagon, and assistant scoutmaster. Contact Denise if you can lend a hand to help the troop!
- 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

- Pack 652's annual join Open House is happening tonight in St. Basil's parking lot.
- Congratulations to our St. Basil Scouting units for earning the Pope Saint Paul VI National Catholic Unit Excellence Award. Denise, Jerry, Robb, and Robby presented the award to Father Ryan in a meeting with the parish on August 17. Father Ryan plans to hang the award in his office.
- Denise submitted a request to the Parish Office to reserve rooms/space for the next year of troop meetings (September 2026 - September 2027).
- Please spread the word about the girls' troop recruitment open house on September 30. It's helpful if everyone could share the Facebook event posted on their page. A flyer is also attached.

V. Adjournment

Denise adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM. The next meeting will be held on September 23, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Draft notes submitted by Cristie on September 15, 2026. Reviewed and approved by Denise on September 16, 2026.

TROOP CALENDAR OF EVENTS (DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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

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

September 7: Labor Day

September 9: PLC Meeting

September 9: U.S. Naturalization Ceremony | BBHS Auditorium, Broadview Heights, OH

September 11: Patriot Day

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

September 16: 652G Elections

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

September 23: Troop Committee Meeting

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

October 12: Columbus Day

October 14: PLC Meeting

October 17-18: AOL Campout | Firelands SR, Wakeman, OH

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



#ADVENTUREON!

SCOUTS BSA TROOP 652G

invites girls (11-17 year old) and their families
to learn more about scouting!

Come To Our Open House

Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 7pm

St. Basil the Great Catholic Church Parish Center
8700 Brecksville Rd. , Brecksville, OH 44141

Meet the troop and try fun activities: Knot tying, guess the merit badge, food, orienteering, first aid, and play icebreaker games.

WHAT CAN YOU DO in Scouts BSA?

MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

ARCHERY, RIFLE SHOOTING, TOMAHAWK THROWING!

CANOEING AND KAYAKING!

TENT CAMPING!

COOKING OVER A CAMPFIRE!

HIKING!

EARN THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT!

EARN OVER 100 DIFFERENT MERIT BADGES!

LEARN LEADERSHIP SKILLS!



AND SO MUCH MORE!



Questions?

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We meet on Wednesday evenings 7-8:30pm