

Troop 652 Parent Committee
Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: September 23, 2026

Meeting Location: St. Basil Parish Center, Classroom 10

Present: Denise Weisfelder, Robb Metyk, Cory Webber, Martha Wolp, Irene Christian, Shawna Melnykowski, Cristie Snyder, Robby Maher, Jane Mahoney

I. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

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

II. Reports

Scoutmaster Open Discussion (Shawna, Robb, Irene)

- The girls troop held their SPL election. Greta is the new SPL and Lainey is ASPL. All troop members have new jobs in the troop.
- The girls troop continues to work on the Personal Fitness merit badge.
- Six girls have earned Liberty in Action 250 Challenge, and five more are on their way to earning it.
- The girls' PLC has planned campouts and activities including Haunted Tractor Camporee @ Beaumont (September 25-27), AOL Campout/Rock Climbing @ Butler/Manatoc (October 16-18), plus a discussion about a winter activity.
- The girls' troop will host a recruitment night for girls at St. Basil on September 30. Activities and stations are planned. There are currently 14 registered scouts in the girls' troop.
- The boys' troop has a newly registered scout joining us tonight. Welcome to David and his family. There are currently 45 registered scouts in the boys' troop.
- The boys' troop has completed the inaugural year of the new first year program. Tommy M. ran the inaugural program with Jensen S. as an assistant. Jensen will assume the program with a new assistant and run it for this upcoming year, then hand it off to his assistant. All first-year scouts have earned Scout rank.
- The boys' PLC has planned campouts and activities through the end of the year: Haunted Tractor Camporee @ Beaumont (September 25-27), AOL Campout/Fishing MB @ Firelands (October 17-18), Campsgiving at Camp Mountaineer (November), Holiday Activity (December), and PLC Training Overnight (December), and a Cabin Campout (January).
- The boys' troop will hold Patrol elections on October 21. The SPL election will be held on October 28.
- We will check for interest amongst the scouts regarding religious awards. If the number of interested scouts is low, they can attend a program by another local troop.
- The troop's Edgewater Beach cleanup crew had the most garbage collected at the event on September 13. They received reusable metal water bottles for the effort.
- Two adult leaders and 6 scouts attended the US Naturalization ceremony at BBHS on September 9th.
- Discussion: Holding an exploratory meeting for parents regarding changing to a family (combined) troop. It's unknown if our families know this is an option and if they would want it. A short survey will be sent out to see if there is interest in having a larger conversation about combining the two troops.
- Discussion: Potential troop activities/outings that may have pricing discounts for scouts or large groups.
- The Venture Crew has chosen Sea Base as their high adventure in 2027. They will begin organizing the trip in October.

Outdoor/Activities (Craig, TJ – no report)

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

Secretary (Cristie)

- Seasonal information about Ohiopyle, summer camps in 2027, 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 – report provided)

- 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)

- Discussion: Types of fundraisers and timeline (dates) for all four units at St. Basil. The parish does not allow the dates (Pancake Breakfast, Spaghetti Dinner) to be booked way in advance. Brainstorming about new ideas and when they could be held.

Advancement (Pennilane – no report)

- The next Troop Court of Honor is scheduled for November 4.
- 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)

- VIRTUS training will not be held at St. Basil. There are no plans to schedule a session at the parish.

Equipment Coordinator (Jim – no report)

- Discussion: We received pricing for sanding/painting the girls' troop trailer. The cost for white automotive paint is \$1,300 not including the roof and \$1,600 to include the roof. It is unknown if the roof needs it. Any color is more expensive, and white is a better contrast for any decals or lettering that will be applied. This is necessary maintenance.
 - Cristie made a motion to accept the pricing and paint the girls' trailer in white automotive paint. Seconded by Cory and Jane.

Service Projects (Sara – no report)

- 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.

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

- 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.
- St. Basil has requested that our Scouting units participate in the parish Trunk-or-Treat activity on October 17. Both troops and pack AOLs will be on a campout. Denise will decline the request due to unavailability.
- Denise placed our room reservation request for the year. The only date with no space available on the church calendar is 3/24/27.
- Discussion: Scout Sunday in February 2027.
- There will be no committee meeting on November 25 (the day before Thanksgiving). TBD for committee date in December.

V. Adjournment

Denise adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM. The next meeting will be held on October 28, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Draft notes submitted by Cristie on September 25, 2026. Reviewed and approved by Denise on September 30, 2026.

TROOP CALENDAR OF EVENTS (DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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

September 26-27: B/G Troop LEC's Haunted Tractor Campout | Beaumont SR, Rock Creek, OH

September 30: Girls' Troop Recruitment Night @ St. Basil

October 12: Columbus Day

October 14: PLC Meeting

October 16-18: G Troop AOL Campout/Rock Climbing | Camp Butler/Manatoc, Peninsula, OH

October 17-18: B Troop AOL Campout/Fishing MB | Firelands SR, Wakeman, OH

October 21: B Troop Patrol Elections

October 28: Troop Committee Meeting

October 28: B Troop SPL Elections

October 31: Halloween

November 4: Troop Court of Honor

November 11: Veterans Day

November 11: PLC Meeting

November 13-15: B Troop Campsgiving Weekend | Camp Mountaineer, Morgantown, WV

November 26: Thanksgiving Day

December TBA: B Troop Holiday Party

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December 9: PLC Meeting

December TBD: Troop Committee Meeting
December 25: Christmas Day



#ADVENTURE ON!

SCOUTS BSA TROOP 652G

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

Wed, Sept 30, 2026 at 7pm

MEET THE TROOP

AND ENJOY FUN ACTIVITIES!

St. Basil the Great Catholic Church
Parish Center

8700 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, OH 44141