

MEETING MINUTES



Location: Arts/Crafts Room
– VDS Clubhouse

Date: **Sept 8, 2026**

Time: 7pm

Facilitator: Mike Willmore,
President

Agenda items

Welcome: Mike Willmore, President, The Robin Hoods of VDS. It was noted that (RH VP) Kathryn Menadier and (RH Co-Founder/Past President) Tony Lesko are traveling.

1. **Financials: Jim Colitas, Treasurer.** Presented August 2026 and to date financials with \$6,778.08 as the check register balance as of 8.31.26 and \$4,310.47 as the Charity Drive account balance. It was noted that the new reimbursement form process seems to be going well. *Accounting details in the attached slides.*

2. **Status of 2026 Drives – Mike Willmore & Drive Chairs**

- ✓ **Food & School Supply Drives:** *Completed*
- ✓ **Turkey Trot Fundraiser: Sat., Nov 7.** Drive co-chairs are Gary & Cindy Beytin. Raffle prizes for participants and donors include 'turkey' embossed t-shirts purchased by the Beytins. There will also be three major prizes, donated by Jim & Colleen, to include a coffee maker, knife set and 24-inch TV.

There will be a **volunteer opportunity** to stuff raffle prize bags on **Tues., Oct 27th at 5pm in the Card Room**. Bags will include a raffle ticket, playing card (for the Poker Run), and a name label. All are invited.

*Detailed event update attached – Please note that **The Hope Fund of Sun City** is the beneficiary of this year's drive: <https://www.thehopefundsc.org/>*

- ✓ **Christmas Toy Drive: Nov 16-Dec 11.** No updates; Kim & Mitzi Egan are traveling.

3. Communications Update – Susan Wentzell, Secretary & Communications

Manager. Website analytics (www.robinhoodsvds.com) were presented with a major uptick in traffic over the last 30 days noted as likely due to online cash donations. A Thank You flyer to the community has been distributed via social media (Frontsteps & VDS Facebook page).

Current promotional efforts include a Turkey Trot flyer, poster, and creation of a Registration/Payment Form on the RH website in which residents can register and pay online. Residents will be able to *pre-register* for the Turkey Trot at the PACE Dance Party on October 16th at 7pm in the Social Hall. Tony & Cheryl Lesko will be manning the registration table.

A mobile credit card reader has been purchased to enable the processing of credit cards—in addition to accepting cash and checks for registration fees. All registrants will be given raffle tickets that can be entered for prizes awarded on event day. The Beytins will meet with Sue Wentzell on Oct 1st or 2nd to discuss a promotional flyer that provides more details on the raffle and prizes. The fundraiser kick off is scheduled for the first week of October. Residents can fill out the registration/payment form online at <https://www.robinhoodsvds.com/register>

Also mentioned was the short, lighthearted skit Sue is developing that will showcase the Robin Hoods mission during PACE's popular Holiday Party set for Sat., Dec. 19th. RH volunteers are asked to perform. Rehearsals will be held in the Social Hall at a date TBD. *Attached slides include details*

4. Concluding Remarks – Mike Willmore. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13th at 7pm - Social Hall.

Recorder: Susan Wentzell

1 Atch – September Presenter slides



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MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2026

09/09/2026

Welcome

Mike Willmore

Financials

Jim Colitas

2026 Drive Updates

Project Leads

Comm Update

Sue Wentzell

Open Forum

All



FIFTH THIRD

(TAMPA BAY)

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THE ROBIN HOODS OF VDS INC
4757 AVILA LAKES DR
WIMAUMA FL 33598-4165

~~Statement Period Date: 8/1/2026 - 8/31/2026~~

Account Type: 5/3 BUSINESS CKG

Account Number: 7984525183

Banking Center: Big Bend

Banking Center Phone: 813-234-2680

Business Banking Support: 877-534-2264

Account Summary - 7984525183

08/01	Beginning Balance	\$5,553.56	Number of Days in Period
4	Checks	\$(742.93)	
	Withdrawals / Debits		
11	Deposits / Credits	\$1,967.45	
08/31	Ending Balance	\$6,778.08	

DEP	7/31/2026	Stripe - 2 donations		\$125.01	\$5,553.56	Back To School Supplies Drive
DEP	8/3/2026	Stripe - 5 donations		\$325.20	\$5,878.76	Back To School Supplies Drive
DEP	8/4/2026	Stripe - 2 donations		\$148.95	\$6,027.71	Back To School Supplies Drive
DEP	8/5/2026	Stripe - 2 donations		\$125.01	\$6,152.72	Back To School Supplies Drive
145	8/6/2026	A Kid's Place	\$500.00		\$5,652.72	General Fund
DEP	8/6/2026	Stripe - 1 donation		\$50.00	\$5,702.72	Back To School Supplies Drive
Dep	8/10/2026	Stripe -donation		\$100.01	\$5,802.73	Back To School Supplies Drive
Dep	8/12/2026	Stripe - donation		\$23.65	\$5,826.38	Back To School Supplies Drive
146	8/12/2026	Kim Egan - Printing Forms	\$88.95		\$5,737.43	Children's Toy Drive
Dep	8/13/2026	Stripe - Donation		\$150.01	\$5,887.44	Back To School Supplies Drive
Dep	8/14/2026	Stripe - Donation		\$125.00	\$6,012.44	Back To School Supplies Drive
Dep	8/18/2026	Stripe - Donation		\$49.62	\$6,062.06	Back To School Supplies Drive
147	8/18/2026	Susan Wentzell Credit Card Reader	\$74.18		\$5,987.88	General Fund
148	8/18/2026	Mike Wilmore 2x School supply posters	\$79.80		\$5,908.08	Back To School Supplies Drive
Dep	8/19/2026	Stripe - Donation		\$70.00	\$5,978.08	Back To School Supplies Drive
Dep	8/24/2026	2- personal checks Myers 300 + Ivan Burdine 500		\$800.00	\$6,778.08	Back To School Supplies Drive
149	8/25/2026	Wimauma Elementary School	\$2,467.61		\$4,310.47	Back To School Supplies Drive

	Drive Reserve Funds					
	Starting	Ending	Expense			
Back to School	116.5	136.57	\$129.87	5% Back to school holdback		
			(\$79.80)	ck # 148	2- Posters	Mike Willmore
			(\$30.00)	Gift Card		
Toy Drive	1,584.80	1,495.85				
			\$ (88.95)	ck # 146	Printing Forms	Kim Egan
General Fund	2,947.02	2,372.84				
			(\$500)	ck #145	Kids Place	Kathryn Menadier
			(\$74.18)	ck # 147	Card Reader	Sue Wentzell
Food Drive	142.27	142.27				
Turkey Trot	162.94	162.94				
Total	4953.53	4310.47				

2026 Drives

- **Food Drive - COMPLETE** 5/1-30
 - Project Leader - Kathryn Menadier
Susan Chandler
 - Beneficiary -The Lord's Lighthouse
- **School Supply Drive - COMPLETE** 8/3-17
 - Project Co-Leaders
 - Eleanor Morel
 - Karen Hinderer
 - Beneficiary – Wimauma Elementary
- **Turkey Trot** 11/7
 - Project Co-Leaders
 - Gary and Cindy Beytin
 - Beneficiary – TBD
- **Christmas Toy Drive** 11/16 – 12/11
 - Project Co-Leaders
 - Kim and Mitzi Egan
 - Beneficiary – The Lord's Lighthouse

TURKEY TROT BASICS

SATURDAY NOV. 7TH 8:00am

Walking Route 3.2 miles OR 1.6 miles

Bike = times 3 (cards on 3rd round)

Medals = (long route only) 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Bike = 1st, 2nd

Start with one card, add a card at each of 6 water/card stations + 1 card at the end = 8 cards. Walk ½ way = 5 cards

Your cards will then be evaluated for the best poker hand

**Best Poker Hand = 1st \$100 Bistro, 2nd \$75 Bistro, 3rd \$50
Bistro Gift Certificate**

**Raffle and free snacks at the end with coffee & Bistro
discount wristband**

Raffle Prizes =12 t-shirts **

REGISTER NOW \$25/PERSON

WEBSITE: robinhoodsvds.com/register

**All proceeds benefit the HOPE Fund, serving Wimauma's
children in need**

Communications Update

Sept 2026



Web Analytics

Last 30 days (compared to Aug 7–Sept 5)

www.robinhoodsvds.com

Site Sessions: 162 (+80%)

Unique Visitors: 96 (+71%)

Page Views: 330 (+1045%)

New Vs. Returning Visitors –

New (80%)

Returning (20%)

Top Viewed Pages:

/homepage

/forms

/donate

TAKE AWAY: School Supply On-Line
Donations continued to drive traffic to
the website.

School Supply Drive Thank You

Stronger
Schools
Brighter
Futures!

Thank You
—VDS!

Small
Supplies
Make a
Big
Difference!

For another successful
School Supply Drive





Held
August 3
to 17

Co-chaired by
Eleanor Morel &
Karen Hinderer

1,361
school supply
items were
donated





Check for an additional \$2,467,61 cash donation
was presented to staff at Wimauma Elementary,
where 90% of students qualify for free or
reduced-price lunches.



Investing
in Brighter
Tomorrows

Sponsored by the



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Current Promotions

TURKEY TROT: Flyers, Poster, Online Registration/Payment Form (website), Additional Payment Options



A festive flyer for a Turkey Trot event. The background is a light tan color with scattered autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. At the top, a green banner with white cursive text reads "Save the Date!". Below this, the words "TURKEY TROT" are written in large, bold, green block letters. Underneath, "2.5 or 5K" is written in large, bold, orange block letters. Below that, the phrase "'Walk, Run or Roll'" is in green block letters, followed by "Fundraiser" in a red cursive font. In the center, there is a cartoon illustration of five people dressed as Robin Hoods: three men and two women, all wearing green tunics and hats, some holding bows and arrows. Below the illustration, a green banner with yellow text reads "The Robin Hoods of VDS" and "www.robinhoodsvds.com". To the left of the bottom section, there are four circular icons: a running person, a playing card (ace of spades), a family (two adults and a child), and an envelope. To the right of these icons, the text "Sat., Nov 7 - 8am start from the Clubhouse" is written. Below that, "Poker Run, Refreshments & Prizes!" is written. Then, "Proceeds benefit The Hope Fund, serving Wimauma's children in need" is written. Finally, "Contact Gary or Cindy: guillettcd@gmail.com" is written. At the bottom, a green box contains the text "Sponsored by the Robin Hoods of VDS, a 501(c)3 nonprofit focused on improving the quality of life in the local community" and "www.robinhoodsvds.com". On the right side of the bottom section, there is a cartoon turkey wearing a green headband and a white bib that says "2.5 or 5K", appearing to be running.

Save the Date!

TURKEY TROT

2.5 or 5K

'Walk, Run or Roll'

Fundraiser

The Robin Hoods of VDS

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Other Stuff Going On

- Turkey Trot Pre-Registration Opportunity
- @PACE Dance Party/Fri., Oct 16th
- *New!* Credit Cards now accepted for registration payment (\$25pp)/via mobile card reader
- *Tickets on sale now*

A vibrant poster for a dance party. The background is dark with colorful musical notes and a disco ball. Silhouettes of five people are dancing in the center. The text is bold and colorful, with a yellow banner for the DJ information.

DANCE Party!

VDS DJs SPINNING THE TUNES!

FRIDAY, **OCT 16TH** | **AT SOCIAL HALL**

7PM

\$6
ADMISSION

Reserve your seat at
www.vdspac.com/dance
or scan this QR code
with your cell phone camera

Sponsored by
VDS Performing Arts & Cultural
Entertainment Club (PACE)

★ www.vdspac.com ★
POC IS GLORIA: gaconstant@gmail.com

Other Stuff Going On

- Robin Hoods Skit/Holiday Show (Sat., Dec 19th)
- Showcase RH's Philanthropic Mission
- Simple skit...mostly 'acting' – minimal dialogue!
- *Requirements:* Minimal costume, Big Enthusiasm!!!
- Let Sue Wentzell know you're interested



OPEN FORUM

- Mike out of town 10/7 – 11/5



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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING TONIGHT !

**I HATE IT WHEN I'M
TALKING TO MYSELF
AND SUDDENLY REALIZE
I WASN'T LISTENING
AND THEN HAVE TO
START ALL OVER.**