

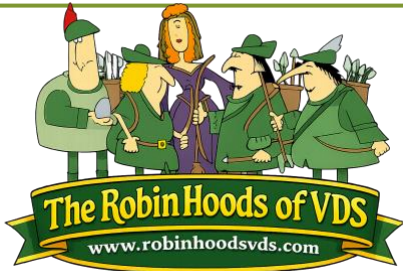
MEETING MINUTES

Location: Arts & Crafts
Room – VDS
Clubhouse

Date: **4/07/2026**

Time: 7pm

Facilitator: Mike Willmore,
President



Agenda items

1. Welcome: Mike Willmore, President, the Robin Hoods of VDS

Meeting was moved up from April 14th to accommodate several members and officers not available on that date.

Well-attended, 16 members signed in. No new members present.

2. Financials: Steve Weitzel, Checking Administrator. Presented March financials with \$6,792.85 as the checking account balance. Accounting details in the attached slides.

3. Website Renewals. Our unique domain (www.robinhoodsvds.com) was renewed for another year and the WIX platform fee was renewed for a 3 year period: April 1, 2026 – April 2, 2029. Platform Cost was \$406.06, which represents a significant savings over 2-year plan (\$624).

4. PACE Dance Party/Communications Update – Kathryn Menadier presented on behalf of Sue Wentzell, RH Secretary/Communications Manager, who is traveling. A summary of the PACE Dance Party fundraiser was discussed: a fun and successful event.

- Increased awareness of Robin Hoods in the community. Costumes and Robin Hoods shirts a clever way to represent us. Sue did an amazing job as MC and dancing her way through the party! Big kudos to all who helped.
- Did cost us some, but not a lot of money (see financials). Customized RH Lanyards worn by volunteers were a nice addition and can be reused for future events.
- Reviewed high value baskets and Wagon of Cheer bringing in high raffle sales. Wagon of Cheer and Gift Certificates probably would have been better separated out.
- Compared guestimates of Silent Auction vs. Raffle fundraiser and will keep data for future events. Seemed to balance out fine as a raffle.

Some points shared by the group included the following:

- Locating raffle ticket sales in the hall outside the Social Hall worked well to disperse crowds. People were able to socialize at their tables. Also, the LED lighting helped illuminate the gift baskets in the room which was darkened for a “disco dance” vibe.
- In retrospect, we should have had people roaming the room selling 50/50 tickets at the tables because some left the sales table in the lobby when it was crowded. (Note: We did have 6 people assigned to this task. Gary Beytin said he did sell some tickets. Most sellers stayed by the door and didn’t circulate as it was dark and crowded.)
- Volunteers should work in shifts as spouses didn’t want to sit alone while their SOs were working. (Note: Assigned volunteers and task descriptions were distributed in advance, providing for overlapping coverage including time away to visit and check out baskets. In the future, more specific timeframes for shifts may be needed.)
- For future events, only a small number of volunteers are needed by the baskets, primarily to assist winners.
- Because so many raffle tickets were purchased, it took considerable time for people to look through all their tickets for winning numbers. In future such events, more time between draws should be allotted.

5. Dance Party Proceeds: Leadership has discussed Charity Fatigue and, at present, doesn’t believe it’s an issue in VDS. Ideally, all proceeds will be distributed in 2026 as we can supplement online cash donations with a portion of the dance party proceeds.

- Proceed with food and school supply drives as normal, to include offering secure, online donations for each via the RH website: www.robinhoodsvds.com/donate.
- Issue additional funds to the other two projects as needed. Consider contributing to supplies for the Children's Christmas Toy Drive.
- Evaluate additional 'scholarship' or 'grant' opportunities like the 2025 Mary & Martha House Scholarship initiative. Send suggestions to Mike Willmore, being mindful of our mission to support *local* charities.

6. Status of 2026 Drives – Mike Willmore

- Food Drive: May 1-30.** Kathryn Menadier and Susan Chandler will co-chair. Beneficiary will be the Lord's Lighthouse. Poster and flyer were approved and will begin circulating later in April.
✓ **Tasks:** Kathryn/Susan C will talk to Lori about grocery cart/poster placement and dates.
- School Supply Drive: August 3-17.** Event co-chairs are Eleanor Morel and Karen Hinderer. Wimauma Elementary is again the beneficiary. Chairs have confirmed Wimauma Elementary is aware of and agrees to drive dates.
- Turkey Trot 5K: Saturday, Nov 7.** Drive co-chairs are Gary and Cindy Beytin. *Beneficiary is TBD.*
- Children's Christmas Toy Drive: Nov 16-Dec 11.** Kim & Mitzi Egan to again co-chair. The Lord's Lighthouse of Ruskin will be the beneficiary. Other groups outside VDS are interested in participating. Kim will put them in touch with Cecelia Arellano (who serves as the VP of the Lord's Lighthouse Ministry), to facilitate having children assigned to them directly rather than through the Robin Hoods.
- Latin Club's May 2nd Mother's Day Dance.** Mitzi Egan approached Enrique Pabon about the Robin Hoods being the beneficiary of a portion of a 50/50 raffle at an upcoming Latin Club event. Enrique expressed his support for a 25/25/50 split (with RH receiving 50%) during the May 2nd event but asked about advertising guidelines as it pertains to raffles held by clubs that do not have 501C3 status. Kathryn explained the rules and complications and the group agreed that caution is necessary, especially for smaller raffles that the RH's are part of--like the Latin Club's event.

(a) Related Tasks:

- (i) Kathryn Menadier to continue communication with Lori Pickel about the event.

- (ii) Sue Wentzell to provide Kathryn with raffle tickets for the event. Kathryn has boxes for collection of tickets and money.
 - (iii) Sue Wentzell to talk to Enrique about advertising as it pertains to what can be mentioned in Latin Club flyers. *For example:* in Latin Club flyers distributed by Lori through FRONTSTEPS, “prizes” can be mentioned and “bring cash” but must be vague beyond that as it pertains to raffles. Posts/flyers on the VDS Facebook page, however, can mention the event is a fundraiser with a portion of proceeds to benefit the RHs and local charities, with cash prizes to be awarded. (Note: The Robin Hoods will distribute separate communications.)
 - (iv) Kathryn, Mike, Jill & Kim and Mitzi will attend the event and will manage ticket sales and proceeds.
- f. **VDS Owner’s Club Presentation:** Kathryn and Mike received a request for the Robin Hoods to attend the May Owners Club meeting and talk (10 min. presentation) about who we are and what we do in order to raise awareness of our charity drives and the local organizations we help. (Note: Mike selected the May 20th meeting date, however, this date was not known at the time of the April Robin Hoods meeting.)

7. Other Business – Mike Willmore

- a. **Robin Hood T-Shirts.** Tony Lesko was absent (ill). T shirt prices were reviewed. Kathryn Menadier collected 3 checks for Tony, who is spearheading RH T-Shirt sales. It was suggested and agreed on that that based on the pricing discount for 20 shirts, at least that number should be ordered and the club will make up the difference if resident orders fall short. Like last year, extra shirts can be given as “prizes” at a Turkey Trot promotional event.
- b. **Identifying New Beneficiaries.** Kathryn shared information about 2 charities she recently became familiar with. The group would like to hear short presentations from both.
 - **ECHO** - Mission is to assist residents of unincorporated Hillsborough County who are in crisis by providing emergency food and clothing along with like-stabilizing programs and resources. They offer food, clothes for 5 days, workshops on navigating community resources, job coaching, and help with dressing for interviews.

- **Inspira** – located nearby on Lake Dr., Wimauma. Their mission is equipping neurodivergent and at-risk kids of Southern Hillsborough County with high-quality programs and resources inspiring families. *Mission statement:* At Inspira Tampa Bay, Inc. we embrace a community development and cultural humility approach, focusing on fostering inclusion for marginalized, vulnerable, and often discriminated individuals. As a group made up of Speech-Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapy Practitioners, and community volunteers, our mission is rooted in the belief that every child and family deserves access to support, resources, and opportunities for growth and development.
- **Hope Fund.** Cindy Beytin suggested the club also consider the Hope Fund. (VDS residents the Ewings sit on the organization's board and are active in this). *Mission statement:* ...We believe every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. Through mentorship, tutoring, and enrichment activities, we provide a safe and nurturing environment where children can build confidence and reach their full potential. Our dedicated volunteers—residents of Sun City Center, Wimauma, and Ruskin—share their time and talents to make a lasting impact. Whether guiding a child through homework, encouraging them on the soccer field, or fostering creativity through art and chess, our programs are designed to remove barriers and create brighter futures.
- **Animal Shelter.** Gary Beytin has a specific animal shelter in mind to help support. For any of our drives, the group discussed the possibility of expanding our assistance to several smaller charities vs. just one large one.

8. **Concluding Remarks – Mike Willmore.** The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12th at 7pm in the Social Hall.

Recorder: Kathryn Menadier, VP

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MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 2026

Meeting 04/07/26

Welcome

Financials

2026 Drive Updates

Other Business

Dance Party Proceeds

T-Shirts

Open Forum

The Robin Hoods of VDS, Inc
Report as of 4/7/2026

Business Checking Account Bank Statement Prior Period Reconciliation Summary

	From	To	Amount
Register Balance On:	3/1/2026		\$3,286.93
Total Deposits	3/1/2026	3/31/2026	\$3,705.00
Total Withdrawals	3/1/2026	3/31/2026	\$210.78
Register Balance On:		3/31/2026	\$6,781.15

Business Checking Account Register Current Activity

Action/ Ch #	Date	Transaction Description	Withdrawal Amount	Deposit Amount	Checking Account Balance	Project
Checks		Checkbook				
Fee	4/1/2026	Print Charge	\$38.30		\$6,742.85	General Fund
DEP	4/2/2026	Stripe - 1 donation		\$50.00	\$6,792.85	Food Drive

Current Project Fund Balances

Balance	Project	Comments
\$116.50	Back To School Supplies Drive	
\$1,584.80	Children's Toy Drive	
\$116.14	Food Drive	
\$4,812.47	General Fund	
\$162.94	Turkey Trot	
\$6,792.85	Total	

2026 Drives

- Food Drive 5/1-30
 - Project Leader - Kathryn Menadier
 - Beneficiary -The Lord's Lighthouse
- School Supply Drive 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
 - ***Please get your suggestions for beneficiary to Mike Willmore via email (mdwillmore@aol.com)***
- Christmas Toy Drive 11/16 – 12/11
 - Project Co-Leaders
 - Kim and Mitzi Egan
 - Beneficiary – The Lord's Lighthouse

Communications Update

April 2026



WEBSITE

3 Year renewal of website:
WIX platform & Unique
domain:

www.robinhoodsvds.com

Renewal period: April 1, 2026
– April 2, 2029 | Cost: \$406.06

Significant savings over 2
year plan (\$624)

March 14th Fundraiser: Dance Party for a Great Cause!



March 14th Fundraiser

Lessons Learned

- PACE & RH collaboration=great team effort!
- Tremendous Community Support
- Wagon of Cheer & High Value Gift Baskets Maximized Raffle Sales
- RH Volunteers helped the event run smoothly – thx to all!
- RH Lanyards & costumes: clever way to represent group, build awareness
- Raffle Ticket shortage (Gift Baskets).
- Advance, Online (Wagon) Raffle Ticket Sales: limited success. Hampered by inability to advertise raffle (HOA guidelines) via FRONTSTEPS.
- Great first time effort...already thinking about Special Event Fundraiser for 2027!

FOOD DRIVE

May 1st
– 30th



Sponsored by the Robin Hoods of VDS to benefit the Lord's Lighthouse Ministry, which serves the most vulnerable of Wimauma.

Place non-perishable food items in the box in the Clubhouse lobby. Prefer the convenience of donating securely online? That's great too—we'll shop for you!

www.robinhoodsvds.com/donate

Suggested Food Items: Pinto & black beans | cooking oil | Fideo (noodles to make soup) | tomato sauce | canned vegetables | fruit cups | apple juice | **All nonperishable food items accepted & appreciated. Please check the expiration dates on foods before donating – thx!**

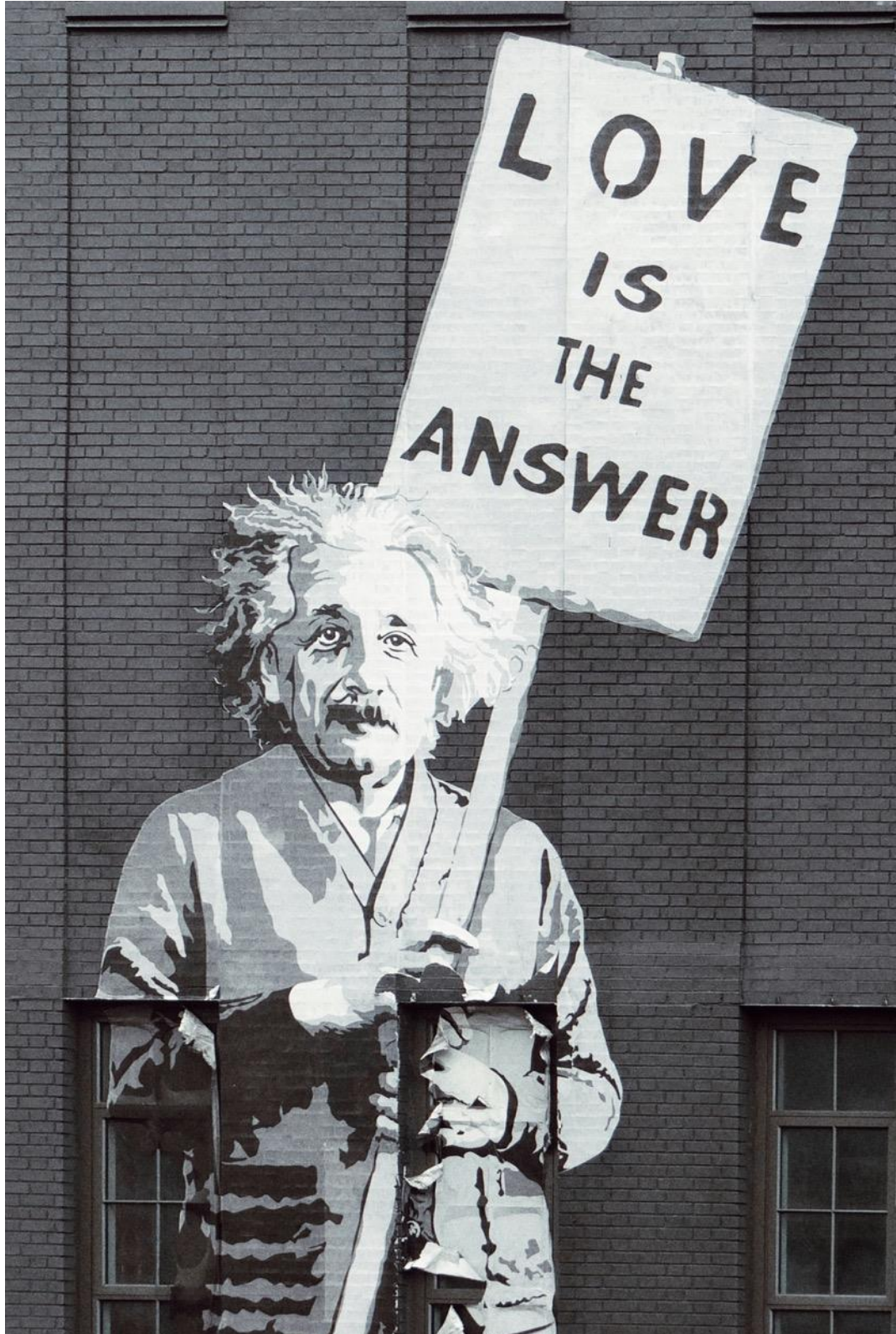
Co-chairs: Kathryn Menadier & Susan Chandler.

Questions, e-mail Kathryn:
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The Robin Hoods of VDS is a 501c3 charity that conducts fundraising and special events to benefit the local community's most underserved and vulnerable populations.



GOT QUESTIONS?



DANCE PARTY PROCEEDS

- PROCEED WITH FOOD AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVES AS NORMAL. SUPPLEMENT CASH DONATIONS WITH A PORTION OF DANCE PARTY PROCEEDS.
- ISSUE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE OTHER TWO PROJECTS AS NEEDED. CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO CHRISTMAS PARTY SUPPLIES.
- EVALUATE “SCHOLARSHIP” OR “GRANT” OPPORTUNITIES SIMILAR TO 2025. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR SUGGESTION TO MIKE WILLMORE. PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF OUR MISSION TO SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES.
- IDEALLY ALL DANCE PARTY PROCEEDS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED IN 2026

Robin Hoods T-Shirts



As of 4-7-2026 we have orders for 17 shirts.

Pricing

For 10 shirts – v-necks are \$25.99 per shirt and the crewneck shirts are \$24.99

For 20 shirts - v-necks are \$23.50 per shirt and the crewneck shirts are \$22.50

For 30 shirts - v-necks are \$21.99 per shirt and the crewneck shirts are \$20.99

For 40 shirts - v-necks are \$21.29 per shirt and the crewneck shirts are \$20.29

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Payable in advance



THANK YOU
FOR JOINING US
TONIGHT!

**Most people don't think
I'm as old as I am until**



they hear me stand up.