

**Windermere Historic Preservation Board
8 Jan 2020 Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order

Open forum/Public comments

Approval of minutes

Old Business

New Business

Wording of proposed Historic Marker for Cal Palmer Memorial Building

School house: Review strategy and make decisions as how to proceed

Non-agenda items

Liaison report

Windermere Historic Preservation Board
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

Amanda Black
George Poelker
Hannah Ammar
Jackie Rapport
~~Mary Fran Howard~~
Theresa Myers
Andy Williams

Call to Order – 6:40 pm

Open Forum / Public Comments – None

Approval of Minutes – Theresa makes motion to approve minutes. Hannah seconds the motion. Unanimous approval.

Old Business

1. Change in scope of Eagle Scout project

Eagle scouts will paint the building. Benjamin Moore has agreed to provide the paint. George recommends keeping both screen doors and he will repair the back door. George discusses rotten soffit boards at Cal Palmer with Scott Brown. Theresa recommends replacing boards with like materials. Project will take place December 20 – 22 and will be adult supervised. George will ask Tom Stroup to assist in building new stairs.

2. Update on Girl Scout project

Girl scout starting scanning project. She's checking out boxes two at a time and working from home.

New Business

1. School house decisions

George discusses the Engineer's recommendations:

- New metal roof – current roof is not original and roof must come off in order to replace the rafters. If roof is taken off, beadboard ceiling doesn't need to come off.
- Replace gable ends
- Replace stairs
- Replace siding
- Horizontal vs vertical siding

Theresa recommends consulting with florida division of historical resources and secretary of interior before moving forward with plan.

George discusses the observations from Marc Black.

Jackie would like to prioritize repair list based on budget.

Theresa believes the original wood is heart pine and should be on record in the master site file.

Hannah recommends separating project into three phases:

1. Roof and Gable
2. Siding, sills and doors
3. Stairs and floor

George discusses Marc Black's recommendation to pull out sidewalk and parking pad. Robert said there are ADA exceptions to look into.

Members agree to keep board and batten exterior.

Hannah recommends getting estimates for heart pine vs cypress.

George will write up the proposed plan in phases to submit for estimates.

Non-Agenda Items – HPB has decided to move meetings to first Wednesday of the month at 6:30. Theresa makes a motion, Hannah seconds. Unanimous.

Liaison Report – DBC is on hiatus for at least 6 months. Starting January 1, HPB will be in charge of food truck and farmer's market. George has volunteered to be in charge of food truck selections.

Adjourn – 7:48pm

Cal Palmer Memorial Building

In January 1911, Cal Palmer and Dr. J.H. Johnson formed the Windermere Improvement Company and purchased the lots of Windermere. They set about making it a destination for people to escape the harsh northern winter weather. Johnson temporarily returned to Wauseon, WI while Palmer remained in Florida to develop and sell the lots. In August 1911 he was appointed postmaster and he built this building. From it he operated the Post Office and his commercial business endeavors. Palmer served on the Town Council for 17 years and as mayor for two. He founded the Windermere Citrus Growers Association in 1920 and was a member of the Florida Citrus Exchange from 1929 to 1943. This building has served various functions since those early days, including as the headquarters of the Windermere Shuffleboard Club and various retail establishments.