

Council Update

Where Have the Minutes Gone?

Beginning this month, minutes of our church council meetings will be posted on our website <http://firstchurchwoodstock.org/2021-council-meetings/>. In this way council minutes will be available to everyone in a more timely fashion. A monthly update in *Share* will present the gist of what's happening at council in a more readable narrative fashion.

Our council meeting on Tuesday, February 9th was somewhat larger than our recent zoom gatherings. Moderator Bob Kirk had initiated a new policy of inviting via email all church officers and all board and committee members. Bob had previously extended an open invitation to all members and friends of our church in the February issue of *Share*. Our council meetings have always been open to all. This policy of openness may have become less apparent during the coronavirus, however, since we have been forced to hold meetings via zoom. The point of this initiative is simply to be more intentional about inviting everyone.

Senior Trustee Carl Wisnosky reported that Squeaky Clean Cleaning Service has been hired to provide janitorial service now that Ted Bradley has resigned as sexton. A Property Management Team will be formed to perform minor repairs to the church and parsonage, manage contractors, supervise inspections and so forth. Carl remarked that many of these tasks have been performed all along by volunteers from our congregation. The trustees will compose a comprehensive list of tasks and a sufficient number of volunteers.

In response to the Annual Report of the Music Committee, which was not accepted at the Annual Meeting in January, an ad hoc committee has been formed consisting of our pastor, Assistant Moderator Jim Nowak, Music Committee member Jeff Perkins, and Trustee Noah Gourlie. The committee will make recommendations to council to address the concerns raised during the Annual Meeting, update the congregation, and facilitate conversations for those who have lingering questions and/or were negatively impacted.

Finally, don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Italian Dinner on March 6th! Do the big thing and become a "pasta pal"! See the notice elsewhere in this issue for more details.

Respectfully,
Bob Kirk, Moderator