

Grace Centennial

Vestry Minutes: Business as Usual?

Remembering that women were not allowed to serve on Vestry or as members of budget committees, I found the following excerpts from the Vestry minutes of 1927 and 1929 quite interesting and a little humorous. Ever heard of a Men's Smoker?

~ Marylen Hart, Chair Centennial Committee

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Grace Church, January 12, 1927:

After dinner, Mr. Downs (Sr. Warden) moved, second by Mr. Venberg, that we give a sincere vote of thanks to the ladies for the very good dinner. Carried unanimously. (Rev.) Mr. Wreford opened the meeting at 8:05. As a result of an informal vote, the men refrained from smoking.

Taken from minutes of a called meeting at the Foothill School, October 18, 1929:

(Rev.) Mr. Gould spoke on financial program and on holding a Men's Smoker. (Vestrymen were assigned to bring the following to the Smoker: coffee, sugar, cream, cake, cigarettes, sandwiches, ale, cigars, and pie.) The following to be invited: Messrs. Downes, Metcalf, Larry Spalding, Gould, Venberg, Bettin, Brunjes, E. Vanderslenn, Blackwood, Nasbickel, Ward, and Hanes. Alternate guests include Messrs. Frank Brown, Green, Blake, Weik, and Lawson.

Annual Meetings and Budget Meetings have changed over the years!