

Minutes of the first Quarterly Conference
for Forest Grove and Cornelius Circuit Port
land District, Oregon Annual Conference of
the W. E. Church held at Cornelius, Sept. 22 1883

The Presiding Elder, A. C. Fairchild in the Chair
The session was opened with prayer by Rev. J. F. Ellis
Call of the Conference roll: - present, W. J. Cooper P. C.,
Joseph Mann S. D., T. R. Cornelius, A. K. Milner, D.
Milcox, Wm Waters, and W. L. Curtis,

On motion W. L. Curtis was appointed secretary.

- 1 Who are approved as Trustees? A. K. Milner D.
Milcox T. R. Cornelius R. W. Hunt G. W. Shaw
J. L. Smith A. E. Davis, Wilson Boulby, W. L. Curtis,
- 2 Who are approved as S. School Superintendants?
T. R. Cornelius W. L. Curtis, R. Patten
- 3 Are there any complaints? None.
- 4 Are there any appeals? None.
- 5 Are there any Reports?

(1.) From Pastor? Pastors Report as follows

First Quarter Sept. 22 1883. I have preached
at each of the appointments on the charge
since conference. Find the congregation good
and the Sabbath Schools all in prosperous
condition. The membership in good spirits and
all appear ready for duty. At Forest Grove our
congregations are large with S. School number-
ing over 100 [including some 60 of the Indian children
from the Gen. Training School * J. R. Stewart.]

20. We are straitened for room in the Baptist Church, but expect in a few weeks more to occupy our new and commodious House of worship for which we feel thankful God and take courage

Signed W. J. Cooper

(2.) From Local Preachers? Ans. None

(3.) From School Superintendents? Ans. None

(4.) From Class Leaders? Ans. Verbal by Leaders at the time

6. What amounts have been appropriated to this charge this year for the support of the ministry?

(1.) For Pastor, — \$650

Forest Grove Class. \$28.50

Cornelius " 48.00

Public Collection 7.05

Mission Fund 12.50

96.05

96 50

Paid Pastor 83.53

" P Elder 12.50

\$96.05

96 50

96 50

9. Are the Sunday Schools organized into missionary societies? Ans. They are not

10. Is there any change desired in the Board of Stewards? Ans. No.

11. Are there any recommendations for license to preach? Ans. There are none.

12. Have the Rules respecting the instruction of children been observed? Ans. Yes.

Minutes of First Dr. C. Brought up.

12. Use the Church Records properly kept?

Ans. Yes.

14. When shall the next Quarterly meeting be held? Ans. At Forest Grove

15. Is there any other business. Yes.

By mutual consent the following apportionment was made viz.

Forest Grove	300
Cornelius	270
Geesten	30
Greenville	30
Patten Valley	50
Scoggin Valley	20
Missionary Allowance	50
	<hr/> 750.

Minutes read and approved and on motion

Conference adjourned

Signed

A. C. Fairchild Chairman W. Curtis Secretary

Minutes of the second Q^uarterly Conf. Dec. 15 1883.

Minutes of the second Quarterly Conference for Forest Grove and Cornelius Charge held in the W. E. Church in Forest Grove Dec. 15 1883.

The Pastor W. J. Cospes in the Chair
Conference opened with prayer by Bro. Cospes.
A. E. Davis was chosen Secretary
Members present - D. Wilcox, Wm. Waters,
Ann Smith, Margaret Smith.

Are there any complaints? None.

Are there any Appeals? Ans. None.

Are there any Reports? Yes.

(1) From Pastor: - The charge at present is in a fair state of prosperity. We have four good Sunday Schools, well supplied with requisites and the schools well conducted. The congregations large and attentive. During the quarter eight have united with the Church, five by letter and three on probation. We thank God and take courage.

Respectfully submitted

W. J. Cospes - Pastor

(2) From Class Leaders? Ans. None

Is there any change desired in the board of Stewards?
Ans. ~~None~~ Yes. Sister Margaret Smith was added.

Have the rules respecting the instruction of children been observed? Ans. Yes, as far as practicable. Are the Church Records kept? Ans. They are.

(Carried up)

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Are the Church Records properly kept? Ans. they are.

What amounts have been received for the supports of the ministry this quarter? and how have they been applied?

Paid by Forest Grove Class \$ 31.25

" " Cornelius Class 31.00

" " Patten Valley 5.00

Public Collection 6.10

Paid by Mission Fund

\$ 73.35

Is there any other business? Ans. none.

Where shall the next quarterly meeting be held?

Ans. At Cornelius.

Minutes approved

Chairman H. P. Cooper. Sec. A. E. Davis.

Minutes of the Third Dr. Conf. March 8 1884

which was held in Cornelius Meeting house
March 8 1884.

A. C. Fairchild P. E. in the chair
Meeting preceded by religious services
The following members answered to their
names on roll call viz. W. J. Cooper P. E.,
Joseph Mann, Ex. F. B. Cornelius M. A.,
Cornelius, Ann Smith, D. Milner A. K.,
Milner, William Waters, W. L. Curtis.

On motion W. L. Curtis appointed Sec.

Question

1. No.

2. No.

3. None

4. None

5. Yes. First Posters Report read as follows to wit:

First in order and in importance is our
Sunday School cause which is carefully
looked after by a few faithful workers
on this charge. There are four schools well
supplied with leaves, journals and papers
but no Sunday School Libraries which
are so much needed. This lack should
be met as soon as possible

2d. The Membership of the Church. I have
received three into full connection, and six
on probation; making an increase of fifteen
since Conference. Our Sabbath Congregations

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are good. There is a ^{good} degree of spirituality and unity among the membership: and to conclude we can report a good degree of progress with a hopeful outlook

Respectfully submitted

W. J. Cospers, Pastor

(2.) Leaders Reports. Class at the Grove verbally by Leader W. L. Curtis

(3.) At Cornelius by Bro. Wilcox Leader verbally

6. What amounts have been contributed for the support of the Ministry?

By F. Grove Class	\$43.30
[plus]	2.00
" Cornelius "	42.50
" Patten Valley	15.00
" Mission Fund	25.00
" Public Collection	5.00
	<u>132.85</u>

Disbursement

Rail P. Elder	16.35
" Pastor	116.50
	<u>\$132.85</u>

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8 No.

9 Yes. Joseph Mann. And at a Leaders and Stewards meeting March 8 1884 at Cornelius the above mentioned Brother was examined (over)

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20.
9 on Doctrines and Discipline and was duly recommended as a suitable person to receive License as a Local Preacher and on motion Dr. Conference granted him License accordingly

(1.) Yes. One to defray the expense of Gen. Conference Delegates - Amount \$5.70

10 Yes.

11 Yes.

12 At Forest Grove. - Time given seventeenth and eighteenth of May next. On motion this Dr. Conference was adjourned to meet at the call of the Presiding Elder in Forest Grove [Error this adjournment was at the 4th Dr. Conf. not this] Minutes read and approved and on motion Conference adjourned.
signed A. C. Fairchild P. E. and W. L. Curtis Secretary

Minutes of the Fourth Qr. Conf. May 17 1884.

Minutes of the Fourth Quarterly Meeting Conference
of the Forest Grove and Cornelius Circuit Port-
land District Oregon Annual Conference of the
M. E. Church held in Forest Grove Meeting
house May 17 1884.

F. P. Tower in the chair.

Meeting preceded by religious services

On roll call The following members ans-
wered to their names, viz. W. J. Cooper P. C.
D. Milcox, A. K. Milner, Wm Waters, W. L. Curtis,
A. E. Davis Sister Davis, Ann Smith, Margaret
Smith,

On motion W. L. Curtis was appointed Secretary
who are approved as Trustees. In addition
to present board none as all the Sunday School
Superintendents except Sister Emma Cornelius at Gen-
ville are members of Qr. Conference.

What committees shall be appointed?

On Missions? - W. L. Curtis, A. K. Milner Hel-
len Jackson

On Sunday Schools?

F. R. Cornelius, W. K. Curtis, A. E. Davis

On Temperance?

A. K. Milner, John Bradley, J. L. Smith,
Ann Smith, and Maggie Smith.

On Tracts? Margaret Smith and

Martha Brown.

On Education? W. K. Curtis and W. Boulby,

On Church Extension? see over

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A. K. Milner, W. L. Curtis

On Passage Furniture? Ann Smith
Hellen Jackson, Margaret Smith and
Caroline Showers

On Preachers Salary

A. K. Milner, A. E. Davis, Wilson Bowdby

Stewards: - Ann Smith, Hellen Jackson
Caroline Showers, Margaret Smith, W. L. Curtis,
John Bowdley, A. K. Milner, T. R. Cornelius
Sister ^{m.} Pauline R. Patten D. Wilcox

Trustees

Forest Grove W. L. Curtis, A. E. Davis, J. L.
Smith, William Bates Dr. W. Bowdby, For Cornelius
T. R. Cornelius D. Wilcox and A. K. Milner

Are there any Complaints? Ans. None

Are there any Appeals? Ans. None

Any Reports? Yes

First Pastor's Report which was read as follows
Number of Sunday schools in the Charge, Five
number of scholars 250, Average attendance
200, S. S. Journals taken 30, Lesson Leaves
250, S. S. Advocates 45, Expenses for year
\$88.25. I have preached to four of the schools
this quarter, received nine into the church
by letter and probation during the quarter
There are 24 Pacific Christian Advocates
taken in the charge

Respectfully Submitted

W. J. Cooper P. C.

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Any Reports on Sunday Schools? Ans. None
" " from Class Leaders? Yes. Bro Wilcox
verbally reported class at Cornelius and it was
favorable to the class. W. L. Curtis reported
class at Forest Grove quite well attended
is on the whole looking up. Five Acquisi-
tions during the quarter.

Any Reports from Trustees? Ans. None.

What amounts have been received during
the quarter for the support of the Ministry?

From Forest Grove	35.90
" Cornelius	60.00
" Patten Valley	1.00
" Greenville	5.00
" Public Collection	9.63
" Mission Fund	
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	111.53

Any recommendations for License to Preach?

Ans. None. Have the General Rules been read?

Yes, in part. Have the Rules respecting the instruc-
tion of children been carried out? They have

Have the Church Records been properly kept? They have
(Continued after passing over 5 pages ahead)

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Where shall the next Quarterly Meeting be held?
Answer. Left for the P. Elder to appoint. On motion
this Quarterly Conference was adjourned to meet
at the call of the Presiding Elder who is now at-
tending Gen. Conference in Philadelphia Penn.

Is there any other business? Ans. None. On
motion minutes were read and approved and
conference adjourned to meet on call of the
P. E. as above stated.

Chairman F. P. Jones, Sec. W. L. Curtis.

The above adjourned meeting met July 10th
1884^{J. E. M.} in the W. E. Church in Forest Grove A. O.
Fairchild P. E. in the chair. Meeting opened
with prayer by P. Elder. The following members
were present. viz. W. J. Cooper P. E., D. Wilcox,
A. K. Milner, A. E. Davis, Helen Jackson
Ann Smith and W. L. Curtis

Any Reports? Yes.

Trustees of Forest Grove Reported as follows

Annual Report of the Trustees of the W. E.
Church in Forest Grove Oregon July 10 1884.

The new Church was thoroughly and well
completed according to contract with builder
John Illig and Dedicated on the 30 day of
September A. D. 1883, and a church so clean,
tasteful and commodious has been a source of

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Comfort and pleasure in its use ever since that date to both our membership and congregation. The lot upon which it stands is a full one third of Block No. and is estimated at five hundred dollars \$500. = 500

The Contract price for Church edifice was 2500.

The estimate for incidentals to put church in working ^{order}, such as Bell, Organ, Carpets, furniture, heating and lighting fixtures, Grading, fencing, Side walks, &c, &c, a part of which we had on hand is estimated at 596.

The old Church lot when title is perfected is estimated to be worth with parsonage and appurtenances 1200

1200	
4796	4796

After applying what could be collected by subscription, both before and at dedication together with \$250. Donated by Church Extension Society we found a balance against us for which it was necessary to give our note for Seven Hundred Dollars \$700. to run one year at 10% interest per annum until paid. Said note ~~note~~ has been reduced about fifty dollars besides interest and we have ^{Subscriptions} now on hand the most of which we judge to be available \$375. which would further reduce said note to about \$275. This deducted from the above would leave \$425, in case of your Trustees (carried up)

Adjourned To Meeting Minutes Continued July 10 1884

In conclusion we feel it due, to tender our
Pastor, Brother W. P. Cooper our heartiest thanks
for his diligent and faithful labor in obtaining
and collecting subscription for the purposes herein
set forth and the results attending the same.

J. L. Smith
A. E. Davis
Wilson Bowlby
Wm. Waters
Wm. S. Curtis

Trustees

Wm. S. Curtis Secretary

Any further Reports? Yes

Trustees from Cornelius Class handed in
the following Report

Cornelius July 10 1884

Report of the Trustees of Cornelius Church
property to the Fourth Quarterly Conference

The Church Property consists of Church
and Lot, free from debt, uninsured,
valued at about Two thousand and eight
hundred dollars (\$2800.⁰⁰/₁₀₀)

Respectfully submitted

David Wiley Secretary.

The above Reports were read and in motion
adopted and ordered placed on file

What amounts have ^{been} received since last adjourn-
ment of this quarterly Conference? for the support of
the ministry and how has it been applied? &
balance

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Since adjournment May 17 1884

Forest Grove Class	
including \$54. conditionally	68.
Cornelius	68.
Patton Valley	5.
Greenville	3.90
Scoggins Valley none	
Gaston none	
Mission Fund	12.50.
	<u>157.40</u>

Summary of Finance relating to P. Elders & Preachers
 Salary for this Conference year as nearly as can be ^{estimated}

Appropriation

Presiding Elder	\$65.
Preacher in Charge	650.
	<u>715.</u>

Paid by

Forest Grove Class	325.
Cornelius "	270.
Patton Valley "	25.
Scoggins " "	10.
Gaston	5.
Greenville	10.
Miss'y Society	50.
	<u>\$695.</u>

Deficiency Twenty Dollars (\$20.)

(This deficiency was raised at a meeting especially called for that purpose and levied on the members.)
 (Carried up.)

Minutes of adjourned Dr. Meeting Contin'd July 10 1884,

Is there any further business? Ans. Yes.

The question of making a division of the charge by which Forest Grove would become a station was presented and thoroughly discussed in all its bearings it was deemed advisable to take no further action at this time or until the Town and Society could be canvassed in order to ascertain what amount could be raised for the support of a station and if favorable to maintaining one it was advised to petition the Annual Conference to that end.

Minutes were read and approved and on motion Conference adjourned it being about 11 o'clock at night

Wm. L. Curtis Sec. } A. C. Fairchild

Chairman

This closes the labors of Brother Cosper on the charge and Brother Fairchild on this district. Both have been diligent and faithful and have in a large degree won the hearts of the brethren on their respective work and take with them their heartiest benediction for Gods and mans blessings to rest upon them.

Wm. L. Curtis, Recording Steward.

See further on Recorded Minutes of Trustees Meeting etc.