

TRANSLATOR COMMENT: The following volume of the minutes of the First Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church of St Paul, Minnesota is identified as Volume 5 in the Minnesota Historical Society' collections.

It is titled as follows:

Minute over the Quarterly Conference discussions of the Swedish M. E. Congregation St Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota

Under this title entry is written:

Quarterly Conference minutes for minutes for the years 1897 and 1898 begin on page 67.

Quarterly Conference members' names. Conference year 1880-1881

TRANSLATOR COMMENT: The following is an attendance table for the four conferences held: 1st Quarterly, 10 Dec. 1880; 2nd Quarterly, 19 Feb. 1881; 3rd Quarterly, 7 Aug. 1881 and the 4th Quarterly, no date given or entries made for the participants listed for the 4th Quarterly. I shall not note, for lack of space, which conferences each individual noted attended. They are as follows:

St Paul Congregation

“ Nelson, J. O., Caring Pastor, St Paul and Afton
“ Weaverson, C. J., Congregation Trustee, 3 years, District Steward
“ Johnson, P. G., Steward, Congregation Trustee, 2 years
“ Rothersen, P., Steward, Bookkeeping Steward
“ Belander, Jonas, Congregation Trustee, 3 years
“ Schollert, L. P., Congregation Trustee, 2 years
“ Jensen, H. P., Congregation Trustee, 2 years
“ Håkanson, M., Congregation Trustee, 1 year
“ Gabrielson, Axel, Local Preacher
“ Swanman, Lotta, Steward*

Afton Congregation Olson, August, Congregation Trustee, 3 years, Steward

“ Holmström, C. F., Congregation Trustee, 1 year

“ Lindgren, Pål, Congregation Trustee, 2 years

Minn. Dist. C. G. Nelson, P[residing] E[lder] and O. F.¹

St Paul Congregation Peterson, Betsy, Miss, Steward

“ Peterson, H. C., Congregation Trustee, 1 year**

“ Miller, A. M., Congregation Trustee***

“ Sörenson, A., District Steward****

¹ I believe the abbreviation “O. F.” is an abbreviation for the Swedish word “ordförande” = “chairman”.

Note: For information concerning the elections of the above noted officers or functionaries, see the minutes of the 4th Quarter Conference for the Conference years 1879-1880 and the 2nd Quarter Conference of the year 1880-1881.

TRANSLATOR COMMENT: The following specific notations for the individuals asterisked above are as follows:

*Elected in the 2nd Quarter.

**Moved out of the city.

***See report for the 3rd Quarter.

****See report 3rd Quarter.

First Quarterly Conference

The First Quarterly Conference met on the P[residing] E[lder]'s call in the Church classroom the 10th of Dec. 1880. The Conference was opened with a devotional offering by the Chairman.

The following members were present: J. O. Nelson, the Caring Pastor C. J. Weaverson, P. G. Johnson, P. Rothausen and A. Gabrielson.

A. Gabrielson was elected as Secretary.

1 First Question: Who have been taken on as the Congregation's Representatives? An[swer]:. See the previous minutes.

3 Third Question: Are there any disputes? An[swer]:. No.

4 Fourth Question: Are there any appeals? An[swer]: No.

5 Fifth Question: Are there any reports?

- a. Caring Preacher? Yes, gave an oral [report].
- b. The Committees? No.

6. Sixth Question: How much has been granted during the year for the Church's servants?

- a. The Caring Pastor? An[swer]: \$600.00.
- b. Assistant " ? (For Stillwater) An[swer]: \$180.00.
- c. The Presiding Elder? An[swer]: an amount equivalent to 50¢ per member.
 1. Bishop Fund? An[swer]: .03¢ per member.
 2. Conference Needy? An[swer]: .10¢ " .
 3. For house rent? An[swer]: \$125.00.

7 Seventh Question: How much has been collected during the Quarter for the above-named purposes/goals?

1. To the Caring Pastor? An[swer]: {From the Congregation \$35.50
{Mission 40.00 Total \$75.50

2. “ “ Assistant Pastor? An[swer]: No report.
3. “ “ P[re]siding E[lder]? An[swer]: \$3.00.
4. “ “ Bishop Fund? An[swer]: Nothing.
5. “ “ House rent? An[swer]: \$31.25.

8 Eighth Question: How much has this Congregation been enjoined/commanded to collect for charitable purposes this year? An[swer]:

1. Mission matters?
2. Chapel Fund?
3. Freedmen’s Assistance? An[swer]: .12¢ per member.
4. For instructional activities? An[swer]: The Christmas Collection.
5. The Tract Society? An[swer]: .02¢ per member.
6. The Sunday School Society? An[swer]: .02¢ per member.

10 Tenth Question: Are any changes desired [regarding] the Stewards? An[swer]: No.

12 Twelfth Question: Have the rules regarding the education of the children been observed? An[swer]: Yes.

13 Thirteenth Question: Are the Church’s accounts properly kept? An[swer]: Yes.

14 Fourteenth Question: Where shall the next Quarterly Conference be held? An[swer]: St Paul.

15 Fifteenth Question: Is there other business?

Upon a vote, the Conference declared itself prescribed that a “Conference Insurance Company” shall be organized .

The minutes were read and approved.

The Quarterly Conference was adjourned.

A. Gabrielson, Sec.

C. A. Nelson, Chair.

1880 Second Quarterly Conference 1881

The Second Quarterly Conference for the Conference year 1880-1881 met according to the Presiding Elder’s call in the Church classroom Saturday evening the 19th of Feb. 1880.

The meeting began with the singing of a song and a reading of a chapter in the Bible and a prayer by the Chairman..

The following members were found present: J. O. Nelson, P. E., the Caring Pastor C. J. Weaverson, P. G. Johnson, P. Rothausen and A. Gabrielson and the following members from Afton² namely A. Olson and C. F. Holmström.

The number of members present were eight.

A. Gabrielson was elected as Secretary.

1 First Question: Who have been taken on as the Congregation's Representatives? An[swer]:. As a Representatives for the Scand[inavian] M. E. Church in Mound Prairie³ the following were elected: Aug. Olson to serve three - 3 - years, Pål Lindgren two - 2 - years. C. F. Holmström - one - 1 - year.

2 Second Question: Who is taken on as the S[unday] S[chool] Director? An[swer]: Axel Gabrielson.

3 Third Question: Are there any disputes? An[swer]:. No.

4 Fourth Question: Are there any appeals? An[swer]: No.

5 Fifth Question: Are there any reports?

- 1 Caring Preacher? Yes, gave an oral [report].
- 2 Local " ? No.
- 3 S[unday] S[chool] Director? Yes, and oral report (the P. E. recommended that the Sw[edish] S[unday] S[chool] newspaper for the school and that the Swedish language be used as much as possible in the school.)
- 4 Class Leaders? No.
- 5 The Committees? No.

6. Sixth Question: How much has been collected this year for the Church's servants?

- a. The Caring Pastor? An[swer]: P. G. Johnson's Class 45.75
P. Rothausen 14.00
From Afton 10.00
" the Mission 40.00 Total \$109.75
- b. Assistant " ? (For Stillwater) An[swer]: \$180.00.
- c. The Presiding Elder? An[swer]: \$4.00.
- d. Bishop Fund? An[swer]: .03¢ per member.
- e. Conference Needy? An[swer]: .10¢ " .
- f. For house rent? An[swer]: \$31.25.

7 Seventh Question: Is the S[unday] S[chool] organized as a Mission Society? An[swer]: No.

8 Eighth Question: Are any changes desired [regarding] the Stewards? An[swer]: Upon motion, Miss Lotta Swanman was elected as a Steward.

² A village in south Washington County, Minnesota on the St Croix River.

³ A village in Houston County, Minnesota.

9 Ninth Question: Are there any recommendations for permission to preach? An[swer]: No.

10 Tenth Question: Have the rules regarding the education of the children been observed? An[swer]: Yes, as far as possible.

11 Eleventh Question: Are the Church's accounts properly kept? An[swer]: Yes.

12 Twelfth Question: Where shall the next Quarterly Conference be held? An[swer]: In St Paul.

13 Thirteenth Question: Is there other business?

Upon motion, it was decided to rent the church in Mound Prairie to the German Lutheran Congregation in Mound Prairie for twenty-five – 25 – dollars a year.

Upon motion, it was decided a list shall be drawn up for the collection of money herewith to help Brother Bostedt get his family here from Sweden provided the family wishes to come.

The minutes were read and approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

A. Gabrielson, Sec.

C. A. Nelson, Chair.

3rd Quarterly Conference years 1880 - 1881

The Third Quart[erly] Conf[erence] met according to the Presiding Elder's call in the Church classroom Saturday evening the 7th of May 1880.

The meeting began with a spiritual offering by the Chairman C. G. Nelson.

At the roll call, the following members were present: Rev. J. O. Nelson, the Caring Pastor, P. G. Johnson, A. Miller and Axel Gabrielson. Number 4.

After the roll call were taken up:

1 First Question: Who have been taken on as the Congregation's Representatives? Upon motion, A. Miller was elected as the Congregation Representative in place of H. C. Peterson, who has moved away. For the others, see the previous minutes.

2 Second Question: Who is taken on as the S[unday] S[chool] Director? An[swer]: Brothers Axel Gabrielson and A. Miller.

3 Third Question: Are there any disputes? An[swer]:. No.

4 Fourth Question: Are there any appeals? An[swer]: No.

- 5 Fifth Question: Are there any reports?
- 1 - Caring Preacher? An oral [report].
 - 2 - Local “ ? “
 - 3 – S[unday] S[chool] Director? “
 - 4 - Class Leaders? A general Class report by the Caring Pastor.
 - 5 - The Committees? No committees.

Br[other] J. O. Nelson reported that he, in accordance with the Conference’s appeal, had circulated a list for the collection of money for Br[other] Bostedt’s assistance . Of about \$40.00[promised], approximately \$30.00 has already come in.

6. Sixth Question; How much has been collected this quarter for the Church’s servants?
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|---|----------------|
| 1. The Caring Pastor? An[swer]: P. G. J. | 37. |
| P. R. | 14. |
| Miss[ions] | 40. |
| Concert | 63.25 |
| | Total \$159.25 |
| | |
| 2. Assistant “ is reported in Stillwater. | |
| 3. The Presiding Elder? | \$3.00. |
| 4. Bishop Fund? Nothing. | |
| 5. House rent? | 31.25. |

7 Seventh Question: Is the S[unday] S[chool] organized as a Mission Society? An[swer]: No.

8 Eighth Question: Are any changes desired [regarding] the Stewards? Yes. Upon motion, N. Sörenson was elected as a Steward in place of C. J. Weaverson who turned in his resignation.

9 Ninth Question: Are there any recommendations for permission to preach? An[swer]: No.

10 Tenth Question: Have the rules regarding the education of the children been observed? An[swer]: Yes.

11 Eleventh Question: Are the Church’s accounts properly kept? An[swer]: Yes.

12 Twelfth Question: Where shall the next Quarterly Conference be held? An[swer]: In St Paul.

13 Thirteenth Question: Is there other business?

Br. J. O. Nelson reported that a [person] namely Prof. Prien, leader of the choir of the First M. E. Church here in the city has given a concert this spring [for] the Sw[edish] M. E. Church’s benefit. After the costs have been paid, we have a profit of \$63.25 and still some tickets to be accounted for.

Upon motion, the above noted amount was transferred to Br. J. O. Nelson to be used as his salary’s payment in part for what remains on the same.

According to a motion, it was decided that at a suitable time in the future to hold a strawberry festival for our Church's benefit. Brothers P. J. Johnson, A. Miller and A. Gabrielson were appointed as the directing committee.

Upon motion, it was decided that a committee of two persons, C. J. Weaverson and A. Miller, on the Conference's behalf hire at the best terms and organist.

Brother C. J. Nelson presented one of A. G. Johnson's expressed wishes that the three congregations, Minneapolis, St Paul and Stillwater, unite for the holding of a camp meeting at Minnehaha, White Bear Lake or some other suitable place at a time decided by the noted congregations. Upon motion, it was decided to present the above named wish to the Congregation next Sunday – 8 May.

The minutes were read and approved.

Upon motion, the Conference was adjourned.

C. A. Nelson, Chair.

A. Gabrielson, Sec.

4th Quarterly Conference met the 13th of August 1881 upon the Presiding Elder's call.

J. O. Nelson was elected as Secretary.

The following members were present: C. G. Nelson, J. O. Nelson, P. G. Johnson, P. Rothousen, Albert Miller, N. Sörenson and Betsy Peterson.

1. Who have been taken on as the Congregation's Representatives?
 - a) For St Paul: Mons Hokanson was elected for 3 years
 - b) For the Afton congregation].Bro[other] Person was elected for 3 years.
2. Who is taken on/accepted as the S[unday] S[chool] Director? Albert Miller and N. Sörenson.
3. What committees should be appointed?
 - 1) Mission Matters – Peter Olson and Hilda Sandgren.
 - 2) Sunday School Committee – P. G. Johnson, George Anderson [and] P. Schollert.
 - 3) Tract Distribution – N. Sörenson and Betsy Peterson.
 - 4) Church Accounts – Weaverson and Schollert.
 - 5) Committee for the Residence and its furnishing – Rothousen, Miller and Jensen.
 - 6) Church Music – Weaverson and Miller.
 - 7) Notice Committee – The Steward Board for the coming year.
4. Are there any disputes? No.
5. Are there any appeals? No.

- 5 Fifth Question: Are there any reports?
- 1) Caring Preacher? Yes, see the report.
 - 2) From Local Preacher? No.
 - 3) S[unday] S[chool] Director? An oral report.
 - 4) From the Class Leaders? No.
 - 5) From the Congregation's Representatives? The churches are worth \$6,000 and 1 residence is worth \$1,500.
7. How much has been collected this quarter for the Church's servants and how has it been used?
- 1 For the Pastor? P. G. Johnson – 30.50, Rothousen - \$50.00, Betsy Peterson \$49.00, Strawberry Festival - \$60.00. Total amount - \$189.50. The Mission – 40.00.
 - 2 The P[residing] E[lder]? \$10.50.
 - 3 Bishop Fund? \$2.40.
 - 4 House rent? \$31.25.
8. How much has been collected for charitable purposes this year?
- 1 The Mission - \$65.00.
 - 2 Chapel building.
 - 3 Freed slaves.
 - 4 Instructional activities.
 - 5 Tract Society.
 - 6 Sunday School Society.
 - 7 American Bible Society.
 - 8 Other/Diverse.
9. Is the S[unday] S[chool] organized as a Mission Society? An[swer]: No.
10. Who shall be Stewards during the coming year? P. G. Johnson, P. Rothousen, A. Miller and Betsy Peterson.
11. Who shall be the accounting Steward? H. P. Jenson.
12. Who shall be the District Steward?
13. Who are the Representatives for the Church's property?
- St Paul: for 3 years: C, G. Weaverson, Albert Miller and M. Hokanson. 2 years: Jons Belander, Schollert and P. G. Johnson. 1 year: H. P. Jenson.
- Afton: 3 years: Person. 2: Aug. Olson. 1: Paul Lindgren.
14. Are there any recommendations for permission to preach? No.
18. Have the characters of the Local Preachers been examined and their permission to preach been renewed? Brother Olauson's authority has been renewed and he also has been recommended to enter our theological school.
19. Have the General Rules been read this year? Yes.

20. Have the rules regarding the education of the children been observed? Yes, as far as has been practical.

21. Are the Church's accounts properly kept? Yes.

22. Has the Pastor prepared a catalog/register or plan of his circle to turn over to his successor according to the Disciplines? Not yet?

23. Where shall the next Quarterly Conference be held? In St Paul on the P. E.'s call.

24. Is there other business? No.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Conference was adjourned with a prayer.

C. G. Nelson, P. E.

J. O. Nelson, Sec.

TRANSLATOR COMMENT: The following minutes are in the Norwegian language, which is unusual for a church directed to and serving primarily Swedish speakers..

The 1st Quarterly Conference met in the St Paul M. E. Church the November 3rd, 1881 and opened with song and a prayer by L. Dalgren, P. E.

George Anderson was elected as Secretary.

The following members were present: L. Dalgren, C. G. Forsberg, C. G. Weaverson, P. G. Johnson, P. Rothousen, N. Sörenson [and] A. Miller.

1. Who are the Congregation's [Representatives]? Passed over. Carried over to the first minutes.

2. Who is s the S[unday] S[chool] Director? A. Miller with the assistance of N. Sörenson.

Are there any disputes? No.

3. Are there any appeals? No.

4. Are there any reports?

First: The Caring Preacher Br. Forsberg gave an oral report.

Second: From the Class Leaders? None.

5. How much has been assigned this year for the Church's servants?

First: To the Caring Pastor \$600.00 was.

Second: The Presiding Elder a sum was placed of 50¢ per member.

Third: For the Bishop support, 3¢ per member.
Fourth: The Conference's needy, 10¢ per member.

6. How much has been collected for the Church's servants?

First: For the Caring Preacher: P. G. Johnson – 23 dollars, P. Rothousen – 30 ½ dollars, Betsy Peterson – 18 ½ dollars. The whole amount – 72 Dollars.

Second: For the Presiding Elder 7 ½ Dollars.

7. How much has this Congregation been assigned for charitable purposes?

First: The Mission – 60 cents.

(2): Chapel Building Fund - 10¢.

(3) Sunday School Society. – 3 cents.

(4) Tract Society. - 2 cents.

(5) Freed slaves. – 8 cents.

(6) Instructional activities – the Christmas Collection.

8. Are any changes desired with the Stewards? No.

9. Have the rules regarding the children's instruction [been observed]? Partly.

10. Is there other business? No.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Conference was adjourned with a prayer.

L. Dalgren, P. E.
Geo. Anderson, Sec.

The 2nd Quarterly Conference met in the St Paul March 11th, 1882 and opened with song and a prayer by L. Dalgren, P. E.

The following members were present:

P. G. Johnson

P. Rothousen

A. Miller

Geo. Anderson

Miss Betsy Peterson and

A. Larson.

(1) Who are the Trustees]? See the previous minutes.

(2) Who is s the S[unday] S[chool] Director? A. Miller.

- (3) Are there any disputes? No.
- (4) Are there any appeals? No.
- (5) Are there any reports?
 (First) From the Caring Preacher an oral report was given and approved.
 (3) From the Sunday School (illegible) according to the best of conditions.
 (4) Class Leaders? (None).

(6) How much has been collected for the Church's servants this quarter?

Betsy Peterson – 18 ½ dollars

P. G. Johnson – 10 “

A. Moller – 13 ½ “

P. Rothousen – 15 “

Total 57 \$.

(2) To the Presiding Elder \$10..

- (8) Are any changes desired with the Stewards? No.
- (9) Are there any recommendations for permission to preach? No.
- (10) Have the regulations concerning the children's education been observed? Partly.
- (11) Are the Church's accounts properly kept? Yes.
- (13) Is there other business? No.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Conference was adjourned with a prayer by C. G. Forsberg.

L. Dalgren, P. E.
 Geo. Anderson, Sec.

**The 3rd Quarterly Conference met 13th of May 1882 and opened with song and a prayer by
 the Presiding Elder L. Dalgren**

The following members were present:

- C. G. Forsberg
- P. G. Johnson
- A. Miller
- P. Rothousen
- H. Anderson
- N. Sorenson.
- C. G. Weaverson and

Miss Betsy Peterson

P. Rothousen was elected Secretary (Pro Tem)

- (1) Who are the Trustees]? See the First Quarterly Conference minutes.
- (2) Who is s the S[unday] S[chool] Director? A. Miller [and] N. Sorenson.
- (3) Are there any disputes? No.
- (4) Are there any appeals? No.
- (5) “ “ “ reports?
 - (1) From the Caring Preacher an oral report was given to the Congregation and the Sunday School is as conditions permitted..
 - (3) From the Sunday School? Superintendent?: [that] the conditions were good..
 - (4) Class Leaders? (None).
 - (5) From the Committees? A report from the Accounting Steward was read by Pastor Forsberg and accepted. All of the Church’s Expenses are paid. A barrel of kerosene was given to the Congregation by Brother H. Anderson.
- (6) How much has been collected for the Church’s servants?
 - (1) For the Caring Preacher \$75.
 - (2) For the P. E. \$6 ¼
- (7) Is the Sunday School organized as a Mission society? (No.)
- (8) Are any changes desired with the Stewards? (No.)
- (9) Are there any recommendations for permission to preach? (No.)
- (11) Are the Church’s accounts properly kept? (Yes.)
- (12) Where shall the next Quarterly Conference be held? In St Paul.
- (13) Is there other business? (Yes.)

Pastor Forsberg and P. G. Johnson were elected as a Committee of Inquiry concerning a ?church party?. A strawberry festival was decided upon and a committee of 3 members namely H. Anderson, N. Sorenson [and] A. Moller [were appointed].

L. Dalgren, P. E.
P. Rothousen, Sec. (P. T.)

TRANSLATOR COMMENT: Mr. Rothousen also wrote the above minutes in Norwegian.

The 4th Quarterly Conference of St Paul met the 14th of August 1882 in the Church and opened with song and a prayer

The following members were present:

C. G. Forsberg, Caring Preacher
C. G Veaverson⁴
P. Jenson
P. G. Johnson
P. Rothousen
N. Sorenson.
H. Anderson

George Anderson was elected Secretary.

1. Who are the Congregation's Representatives/Trustees?

P. Jenson for 3 years.
C. G. Veaverson - 2
A. Moller - 2
H. Anderson – 2 years.
George Anderson – 1 [year]

2. Who is s the S[unday] S[chool] Director? A. Moller⁵ [and] N. Sorenson.

3. What committees should be appointed?

- 1) Notice Committee
C. G. Veaverson
P. G. Johnson
P. Jenson
- 2) Missions Committee – None.
- 3) Tract Committee - “
- 4) Church Music Committee – A. Larson [and] N. Sorenson.
- 5) Auditing Committee – H. Anderson [and] P. Rothousen.

4. Are there any disputes? No.

5. “ “ “ appeals? No.

6th Q[uestion]: Are there any reports?

- (1) The Caring Preacher gave an oral report.
- (2) Local Preacher – (None)
- (3) The Sunday School Superintendent: Sec. Larsen gave an oral [report].
- (4) Class Leaders? (None).
- (5) The Congregation's Representative Br. Jenson gave an oral [report] on the Church's economic [situation].

⁴ Mr. Weaverson's name is also spelled "Veaverson", both are phonetically correct.

⁵ Mr. Miller and Moller appear to be the same person. The name has also been spelled as "Möller".

(6) From and committees –(None).

7. How much has been collected this quarter for the Church's servants?

(1) [For] the Caring Preacher	\$50.
From the Congregation	\$96.50
From the Mission	<u>40</u>
Total	\$180.50

(2) For the Presiding Elder \$11.75

(3) For the Bishops – (Nothing)

8. What has been collected for charitable purposes?

(1) Missions (and others) \$71.

9. Is the Sunday School organized as a Mission society?

10. Who should be the Stewards for the next Conference year? Betsy Peterson, P. G. Johnson, A. Larson [and] Anderson.

11. The Accounting Steward – P. Jenson.

12. District Steward – N. Sorenson.

14. Are there any recommendations for permission to preach? (No.)

19. Have the General Rules been reads this year? (Yes)

24. Is there other business? (No)

The 1st Quarterly Conference met in St Paul the 9th of December and opened with song and a prayer by L. Dahlgren, P. E.

The following members were present:

Br. Stead, V. P.
C. G Veaverson⁶
P. G. Johnson
A. Larson
N. Sorenson.
A. Malmstrom
G. Anderson

2. Who is s the S[unday] S[chool] Director? A. Moller.

3. Are there any disputes? (No).

⁶ Mr. Weaverson's name is also spelled "Veverson", both are phonetically correct.

4. “ “ “ appeals? (No).
5. “ “ “ reports?
 First - The Caring Preacher -an oral report was read and approved..
 From the Sunday School Superintendent: (none).
 4. Class Leaders? (None).
 5. From Notice Committee – (None).
6. How much has been assigned this year for the Church’s servants?
 (1) For the Caring Preacher \$600.
 House rent \$144.
 (2) For the Presiding Elder an amount equal to 50¢ per member.
 (4) The Bishops Fund “ “ “ “ 6¢ “ “
 (5) The Conference’s needy “ “ “ “ 3¢ “ “
7. How much has been collected the Quarter for the Church’s servants?
 P. G. Johnson – 18 Dollars, A. Larson - \$35, in all 53 Dollars.
 [For] the Missions - \$35.
 For the Presiding Elder - \$6.
8. How much is this Congregation assigned for charitable purposes?
 (1) The Missions - 50¢ per member.
 (2) The Chapel Building Fund - 10¢ per member.
 (3) Freedmen’s Aid - 5¢ per member.
 Instructional activities – The Christmas collection.
 The Tract Society – 2 cents per member.
 Sunday School Society – 2 cents per member.
9. Is the Sunday School organized as a Mission society? Yes.
10. Are there any changes desired regarding the Stewards? (No).
11. Are there any recommendations for permission to preach? (No.)
12. Have the rules concerning the children’s religious instruction been adopted? (Partly).
13. Are the Church’s accounts properly kept? (Yes).
15. Is there other business? (No)

The minutes were read and accepted.

L. Dalgren, P. E.
 Geo. Anderson, Sec.

TRANSLATOR COMMENT: The minutes return to the Swedish language.

The Second Quarterly Conference met in the St Paul M. E. Church the 5th of March 1883 and opened with song and a prayer by Br. L. Dahlgren, P. E.

The following Brothers were present: H P. Jenson, J. Sorenson, A. E. Miller, P. G. Johnson, H. Anderson, C. A. Larson, J. A. Oberg, O. J. Stead, P. E. and Sister Peterson.

Brother O. J. Stead was elected to be Secretary.

Q[uestion] No.1. Who are the Congregation's Representatives/Trustees? See the 4th Quarter Minutes for the year 1882.

“ “ 2. Who is s the S[unday] S[chool] Director? ?I? Sorenson..

“ “ 3. Are there any disputes? No!

“ “ 4. Are there any appeals? No!

“ “ 5. Are there any reports?

a) From the Caring Preacher – The Preacher gave a written report.

b) From the Sunday School Superintendent – He gave an oral report.

“ “ 6. How much has been collected this quarter for the Church's servants?

a) For the Caring Preacher from the Congregation \$94.00.

b) Missions 35.00.

c) Presiding Elder 8.25.

” “ 8. Are there any changes desired regarding the Stewards? No!

“ “ 9. Are there any recommendations for permission to preach? (No.)

“ “ 10. Have the rules concerning the children's religious instruction been observed? Yes!

“ “ 11. Are the Church's accounts properly kept? (Yes).

“ “ 13. Is there any other business?

Brother H. Jenson rendered [an accounting] of his accounts. He has a cash balance of 37 cents.

Brother Stead reported a debt for two cords of wood: \$14.00.

Sister Peterson reported that the Evangelical Account/Fund was about \$5.00.

The minutes were read and accepted.

L. Dalgren, Chair.

O. J. Stead, Sec.

The Third (3rd) Quarterly Conference met in the St Paul M. E. Church the 30th of May 1883

The discussions were opened with song and a prayer by L. Dalgren, P. E..

The following Brothers were present: H. Anderson, A. Larson, P. Johnson, I. Sorenson, G. Anderson, O. J. Stead and Sister Peterson and A. E. Muller⁷.

Geo. Anderson was elected Secretary.

1st Q[uestion]: Who are the Congregation's Representatives/Trustees? See the 4th Quarter Minutes for the previous year.

2nd Q[uestion]: Who is s the S[unday] S[chool] Director? Br. N. Sorenson..

3rd Q[uestion]: Are there any disputes? Answer: No!

4th Q[uestion]: Are there any appeals? Answer: No!

5th Q[uestion]: Are there any reports?

- a) From the Caring Preacher: gave an oral report.
- b) From the committees: none presented.

6th Q[uestion]: How much has been collected for the Church's servants this quarter?

- a) For the Caring Preacher? \$85.25. Missions \$35.00.
- b) Presiding Elder 10.50.

7th Q[uestion]: Is the S[unday] School organized as a mission society? Answer: Yes!

8th Q[uestion]: Are there any changes desired regarding the Stewards? Answer: No!

11th Q[uestion]: Are the Church's accounts properly kept? Answer: Yes!

13th Q[uestion]: Is there any other business?

- a) Was decided that the Trustees through a loan acquire a sum of \$2000.00 and through subscription a further \$1000.00 for the erection of a suitable 2 story duplex on the Church' lot.
- b) Was decided that at the soonest arrange a Strawberry Festival.
- c) Decided about a committee for the Festival. The following persons were elected: P. G. Johnson, A. E. Muller, Betsy Peterson [and] Miss Ljungren.
- d) As the Accounting Steward, H. Anderson was elected to serve in the place of Br. Jenson.

⁷ Another variant of the name Miller/Moller and now Muller.

The minutes were read and accepted.

L. Dalgren, Chair.
Geo. Anderson, Sec.

**The 4th Quarterly Conference met in the St Paul M. E. Church under the Chairmanship of
L. Dalgren, P. E. the 6th of August 1883**

The Conference opened its discussions with the usual religious opening with song and a prayer by the Chairman.

The following Brothers were present: O. J. Stead, P. C., H. Anderson, Bookkeeping Steward, N. Sorenson, Dist. Steward, P. G. Johnson, A. Larson, Betsy Peterson, Congregational Steward, George Anderson, Trustee, A. E. Muller, Asst. S[unday] School Director, and Brothers A. Malmstrom, C. Carlson, E. Tibbling and C. A. Ericson.

O. J. Stead was elected Secretary.

1st Q[uestion]: Who are the Congregation's Representatives/Trustees? P. Jenson, C. G. Wifverson⁸, A. Muller, , H. Anderson and George Anderson.

2nd Q[uestion]: Who is s the S[unday] S[chool] Director? Answer: N. Sorenson.

3rd Q[uestion]: What committees should be appointed? Through voting the following Brothers were elected to the different committees.

- a) Missions Comm.: H. Anderson [and] G. Anderson.
- b) Audit Comm.: A. Muller, C. Carlson [and] A. Ericson.
- c) Notice Comm.: P. G. Johnson, H. Anderson [and] G. Anderson.
- d) Tract Comm. C. Carlson, A. Malmstrom [and] Lovisa Carlson.
- e) Church Music: A. Larson [and] N. Sorenson.

4th Q[uestion]: Are there any disputes? Answer: No!

5th Q[uestion]: Are there any appeals? Answer: No!

6th Q[uestion]: Are there any reports?

- a) From the Caring Preacher: [He] read a written report.
- b) From the S[unday] S[chool] Director: Gave no report.
- c) From the Congregation's Representatives/Trustees: None.
- b) From the committees: None.

7th Q[uestion]: How much has been collected for the Church's servants this quarter?

- a) The Caring Preacher? (1) From the Congregation: \$190. (2) Missions: \$35.00.
- b) Presiding Elder \$10.00.

⁸ Yet another variant of the name Weaverson/Veverson/ Weverson.

Was decided that the spare money from the Dist. Steward, \$4.17 the other he can collect be used to support the Preacher's salary.

- c) The Bishops' Fund \$2.50.
- d) Conference Needy? \$6.50.
- e) Bible Society? \$1.00.

8th Q[uestion]: How much has been collected for charitable purposes?

- a) Missions – (1) The Church \$53.00 (2) Sunday School \$2.00 Total \$55.00.
- b) Church Building Fund? \$9.05.
- c) Freedmen's Fund? 5.00.
- d) Educational activities? 6.80.
- e) Tract Society? 1.00.
- f) S[unday] School Society 1.00.
- g) For the poor? \$10.00, Children's Day Coll. 5.63.

9th Q[uestion]: Is the S[unday] School organized as a mission society? Answer: Yes!

10th Q[uestion]: Who shall be Stewards for the next Conference year? A. Malmstrom, G. Anderson [and] Betsy Peterson.

11th Q[uestion]: Who shall serve as the Bookkeeping Steward? Answer: H. Anderson.

12th Q[uestion]: Who shall be the Dist. Steward? N. Sorenson.

13th Q[uestion]: Who shall be our Congregation's Representative/Trustees?

P. J. Schollert for 3 years, P. Johnson 2 years, C. G. Wefverson 2 years, H. Anderson for 1 year and A. Muller 1 year.

14th Q[uestion]: Are there any recommendations for permission to preach? Answer: No.

19th Q[uestion]: Have the General Rules been read this year? Answer: Yes.

20th Q[uestion]: Have the rules for the children's religious instruction been observed? Yes.

22nd Q[uestion]: Has the pastor prepared a plan for his successor? Yes.

24th Q[uestion]: Is there any other business?

Brother P. G. Johnson was elected to go to the annual conference as [the Congregation's] delegate.

Betsy Peterson reported that she has \$30.00 in the Social Account.

Br. H. Anderson reported his accountings as the Congregation's Treasurer.

Was decided that the monies in the Social Account be used for [buying] wood for the church. The minutes were read and accepted.

The meeting was adjourned.

L. Dalgren, Chair.

O. J. Stead, Sec.

The 1st Quarterly Conference met in the classroom of the Swedish M. E. Church the 26th of November 1883

And opened with the usual spiritual opening by Brother L. Dahlgren, P. E.

The following Brothers were present: O. J. Stead, P. J. Schollert, H. Jenson, H. Anderson, N. Sorenson, P. G. Johnson, N. Nelson, A. Malmstrom, J. Oberg and Mary Strandlof.

O. J. Stead was elected as Secretary.

Q[uestion] 1: Who are the Congregation's Representatives/Trustees? P. J. Schollert, P. Jenson, C. G. Wifverson, H. Anderson and A. Muller.

“ 2: Who are s the S[unday] S[chool] Directors? N. Sorenson, A. Muller.

“ 3: Are there any disputes? Answer: No!

“ 4: Are there any appeals? Answer: No!

“ 5: Are there any reports?

a) From the Caring Preacher? An oral; report was given.

b) From the committees? The committee reports were set aside.

“ 6: How much has been set aside for the Church's servants this quarter?

a) \$600.00 and free housing for the Caring Preacher.

b) To the Presiding Elder? An amount corresponding to 50¢ per member.

c) To the Bishops? 5¢ per member.

d) To the Conference needy? 10¢ per member.

“ 7: How much during the quarter has been collected for the Church's servants' support?

a) The Caring Preacher: (1) Missions \$30.00 (2) Congregation \$101.25..

b) The P[re]siding E[lder]: \$15.00..

“ 8: How much has been proposed this year for charitable purposes?

a) Missions? 50¢ [per member].

b) Church Building Fund? 10¢ [per member].

c) Freedmen's Fund? 4¢ [per member].

d) Educational activities? ____ ____ Total \$4.05.

- e) Tract Society? 2¢ [per member].
- f) S[unday] School Society 2¢ [per member].

9th: Is the S[unday] School organized as a mission society? Yes!

10th: Are any changes desired with the stewards? No.

11th: Are there any recommendations for permission to preach? No.

12th: Have the rules for the children's religious instruction been observed? Yes.

13th: Are the Church's account properly kept? Yes.

14th: Is there appearing any other business for discussion?

Was decided that Brother E. Larson be appointed as custodian/sexton for the Church for a salary of \$1.00a week for his labors

Was decided that G. Anderson be appointed to repair the Church's railing.

Was decided that the Church erect an adequate duplex as soon as circumstances permit. As the committee for the above noted building enterprise were elected P. J. Schollert, C. E. Larson, H. P. Jenson, G. Anderson, P. G. Johnson [and] A. Malmstrom.

Was decided to adjourn.

The minutes were read and accepted.

L. Dalgren, Chairman

O. J. Stead, Sec.

The Second Quarterly Conference met in St Paul, Minn. the 17th of March 1884 in the Swedish Methodist Church

And opened with the discussions usual spiritual opening by Brother L. Dahlgren, P. E.

The following Brothers were present: P. J. Schollert, H. Anderson, P. G. Johnson, John Wahlund, P. Rothousen, J. Christianson, E. F. Tibbling, A. Malmstrom, N. Nelson and N. Sorenson, G. Anderson, C. Larson, P. Jenson, Bertel Berttelson, and Betsy Peterson.

Br. O. J. Stead was elected as Secretary.

1st Q[uestion]: Who are the Congregation's Representatives/Trustees? See the previous minutes.

2nd “ : Who are s the S[unday] S[chool] Directors? Br. N. A. Sorenson become by voting the recognized S[unday] School Director after to have been by the Sunday School teachers in a proper manner been voted in. N. Nelson was taken in as the second/vice S[unday] School director.

3rd “ : Are there any disputes? No!

4th “ : Are there any appeals? No!

5th “ : Are there any reports?

- a) From the Caring Preacher? Br. O. J. Strand read a written report.
- b) From the S[unday] School Director? N. A. Sorenson (illegible) the S[unday] School’s present situation/position.
- c) From the Class Leaders? Br. Tibbling reported that good lass meetings were held.
- d) From the committees? [For] the Building Committee, Br. Schollert reported that a drawing for the new building had been obtained and “bids” on the building taken , and Brother J. Christianson was the lowest in the amount to build the house. His amount came to \$3755.00.
 - 1) Was decided that John Christianson shall place a bond, not less than \$1000.00, as security for the house’s completion in accordance with the established specifications and drawings/plans.
 - 2) Was decided that the house shall be ready and all work on the same be finished by the 20th of July and for each day, which exceeds this here specified time, John Christianson that repay the Trustees with (\$5.00) five dollars per day.
 - 3) Was decided that the terms of payments be the following: \$700.00 when the basement room and the joists are in place; \$1000.00when the house is enclosed and \$1000.00 when the house is plastered and \$1055.00when it is completed and properly taken over.
 - 4) Was decided that a Building Committee shall serve to necessarily oversee the work on the building from is earliest beginning until it completion. To this committee were elected George Anderson, P. Schollert and C. Larson.
 - 5) Was decided that the old house be sold. And ought to be sold by the Trustees and the Conference for \$80.00 to Samuel Peterson, the foundation under the old house and the wood dwelling are included in the purchase.

6th Q[uestion]: How much during the quarter has been collected for the Church’s servants' support?

- a) The Caring Preacher: \$71.50 Mission \$30.00.
- b) The P[residing] E[lder]: \$9.00..

7th “ : Is the S[unday] School organized as a mission society? Yes!

8th: “ Are any changes desired with the stewards? No.

9th “ : Are there any recommendations for permission to preach? No.

- 10th “ : Have the rules for the children’s religious instruction been observed? Yes.
- 11th “ : Are the Church’s account properly kept? Yes.
- 13th “ : Is there appearing any other business for discussion?
- 2) Was decided that Brother O. J. Stead shall serve as Treasurer for the monies, which come in from the Subscription.
 - 2) Was decided that the contract be drawn between L. Dahlgren and the Congregation’s Representatives regarding that the house’s income be for the paying off of the debt of the noted house, and
 - a) That all of the house’s income shall, undivided, be used for any other expenses or any other debts than only those, which come with the house (duplex) itself.
 - b) That 10 notes are written and endorsed by the Congregation’s Representatives, they reading \$200.00 each , and that the notes be paid off at the end of each 6 months and thereto the amount of interest, which floats from the still due debt capital.

Was decided to adjourn.

L. Dahlgren, Chair.

O. J. Stead, Sec.

**The 3rd Quarterly Conference met in the St Paul Swedish M. E. Church
the 26th of may 1884**

And opened with song and a prayer by Rev. L. Dahlgren, P. E.

The following Brothers were present: N. Sorenson, A. Muller, E. F. Tibbling, A. Malmstrom, John Wahlund, C. Ericson, G. Anderson and H. Anderson.

Q[uestion] 1: Who are the Congregation’s Representatives/Trustees? See the previous minutes.

“ 2: Who are the S[unday] S[chool] Directors? N. Sorenson [and] N. Nelson.

“ 3: Are there any disputes? No!

“ 4: Are there any appeals? No!

“ 5: Are there any reports?

- a) From the Caring Preacher? Presented an oral report..
- b) From the S[unday] School Director? Reported [on] the S[unday] School.
- c) From the Class Leaders? Brother N. Nelson reported.
- d) From the committees? [No reports.

- “ 6: How much has been collected for the Church’s servants support this quarter?
 a) The Caring Preacher? From the Congregation \$75.50, the Mission \$30.00.
 b) The P[re]siding E[lder]: “ “ ” \$8.50.
- “ 7: Has the children’s religious instruction been observed? Yes.
- “ 8: Are any changes desired with the stewards? No.
- “ 9: Are the Church’s account properly kept? Yes.
- “ 13: Is there any other business?

The Bookkeeping Steward reported that the Cash on Hand was \$17.83.

Was decided that a “Festival” be arranged for the 13th of June. A committee was appointed: n. Sorenson, E. F. Tibbling [and] John Wahlund.

Was decided to adjourn.

The minutes were read and accepted.

L. Dalgren, Chair.

O. J. Stead, Sec.

**The Fourth Quarterly Conference met in St Paul
 the 4th of August 1884**

And opened with song and a prayer by Rev. L. Dahlgren, P. E.

The following Brothers were present: N. Sorenson, A. Muller, E. F. Tibbling, A. Malmstrom, John Wahlund, C. Ericson, G. Anderson and H. Anderson.

Q[uestion] 1: Who are the Congregation’s Representatives/Trustees? See the previous minutes.

- “ 2: Who are s the S[unday] S[chool] Directors? N. Sorenson [and] N. Nelson.
- “ 3: Are there any disputes? No!
- “ 4: Are there any appeals? No!
- “ 5: Are there any reports?
 e) From the Caring Preacher? Presented an oral report..
 f) From the S[unday] School Director? Reported [on] the S[unday] School.
 g) From the Class Leaders? Brother N. Nelson reported.
 h) From the committees? [No reports.

- “ 6: How much has been collected for the Church’s servants support this quarter?
 c) The Caring Preacher? From the Congregation \$75.50, the Mission \$30.00.
 d) The P[re]siding E[lder]: “ “ ” \$8.50.
- “ 7: Has the children’s religious instruction been observed? Yes.
- “ 8: Are any changes desired with the stewards? No.
- “ 9: Are the Church’s account properly kept? Yes.
- “ 13: Is there any other business?

The Bookkeeping Steward reported that the Cash on Hand was \$17.83.

Was decided that a “Festival” be arranged for the 13th of June. A committee was appointed: n. Sorenson, E. F. Tibbling [and] John Wahlund.

Was decided to adjourn.

The minutes were read and accepted.

L. Dalgren, Chair.

O. J. Stead, Sec.

**The Fourth Quarterly Conference met in St Paul
 the 4th of August 1884**

And opened under the leadership of L. Dahlgren with the usual spiritual opening.

The following Brothers were present: P. G. Johnson, P. J. Schollert, A. Malmstrom, E. F. Tibbling, John Wahlund, A. Muller, N. Nelson, N. Sorenson and Mary Strandlof.

O. J. Stead was elected as Secretary.

Q[uestion] No. 1: Who are the Congregation’s Representatives/Trustees?

P. J. Schollert, P. Jenson, C. Wefverson, H. Anderson [and] A. Muller.

Q[uestion] No. 2: Who are the S[unday] S[chool] Directors? A. Muller and N. Nelson.

Q[uestion] No. 3: What committees should be appointed?

- a) Missions Comm. – A. Muller [and] John Wahlund.
- b) S[unday] School Comm. – N. Sorenson & Mary Strandlof.
- c) Music Comm. – John Wahlund [and] E. F. Tibbling.
- d) Audit Comm. – N. Sorenson, A. Muller [and] P. G. Johnson.
- e) Notice Comm. – The Stewards and P. J. Schollert.

Q[uestion] 4: Are there any disputes? Answer: No!

“ 5: Are there any appeals? “ No!

“ 6: Are there any reports?

a) From the Caring Preacher? Brother Stead read a written report..

“ 7: S[unday] School Director? N. Sorenson read a written report on the school’s condition.

b) Class Leaders> Brothers E. F. Tibbling and N. Nelson presented an oral report.

c) The Committee for Festivals reported and read a written report.

d) The Oversight Comm. For the house’s building? P. J. Schollert gave an oral report.

Q[uestion] 7: How much has been collected for the Church’s servants support during this quarter?

e) The Caring Preacher? From the Congregation \$232, the Mission \$30.00.

f) The P[residing] E[lder]: “ “ ” \$11.50.

“ 8: How much has been collected for charitable purposes this year?

a) Missions	\$40.25	
b) Church Extension	5.70	
c) Conference Claimants	6.00	
d) Education	4.05	
e) Freedmen’s Aid	4.00	
f) Tract Cause	2.00	
g) S[unday] S[chool] Union	2.00	
h) Bishops	4.50	Total \$68.50

“ 9: Is the [Sunday] School organized as a mission society? Yes.

“ 10: Are any changes desired with the stewards?

a) Mary Strandlof and N. Sorenson were elected as Stewards.

b) To District Steward, C. Ericson and to

c) To Bookkeeping Steward, P. G. Johnson.

d) As Steward to collect money for the Song Leader/Choir Director, John Wahlund.

e) To take up the Congregation’

“ 13: Who shall be the Congregation’s Representatives/Trustees?

P. G. Johnson and N. Sorenson for 3 years.

P. J. Schollert “ 2 “ .

P. Jenson [and] C. Wefverson “ 1 “ .

“ 14: Is anyone recommended for permission to preach? Answer: No.

Q[uestion] 19: Have the General Rules been read? No.

“ 21: Are the Church’s account properly kept? Yes.

“ 24: Is there any other business?

Brother Muller was recognized/approved by the Conference to serve as the Sunday School Director.

Brother N, Swenson was elected as “agent” for the benefit of the duplex.

“ 27: Was decided to pay house rent in an amount of \$12.50 per month.

Was decided that the Trustees arrange with the (illegible) and see to that be according to the specifications and to accept the house as completed.

Was decided that all the necessary improvements be executed according to the request of the house’s agent.

Was decided to adjourn.

The minutes were read and accepted.

L. Dalgren, Chair.

O. J. Stead, Sec.

The First Quarterly Conference met the 15th of December 1884 in the M. E. classroom

and opened with song and prayer in the usual manner by Chairman L. Dahlgren, P. E..

The following Brothers were present: L. Dahlgren, Chair., O. J. Stead, Caring Preacher, P. G. Johnson, Bookkeeping Steward, A. Muller, S[unday] School Director, N. Nelson, Class Leader and C. A. Ericson, District Steward, Mary Strandlof, Congregation Steward, Oscar Samuelson, Church Sexton, and N. Sorenson, Steward and Representative.

Rev. O. J. Stead was elected as Secretary.

1st Q[uestion]: Who are the Congregation’s Representatives/Trustees? See the previous minutes..

1) 2nd “ : Who are s the S[unday] S[chool] Directors? Brothers A. Muller and N. Nelson.

3rd “ : Are there any disputes? Answer: No!

4th “ : Are there any appeals? “ No!

5th “ : Are there any reports?

a) From the Caring Preacher? The Caring Preacher gave an oral description/story concerning the congregation’s condition.

- b) From the S[unday] School Director? Brother Muller gave an encouraging report about our Sunday School.
- c) From the Class Leaders? N. Nelson reported about Class meetings.
- d) The Music Committee reported through Brother Stead that Brother Turnquist has promised anything definite for the coming year. Therefore [it] was decided that the Committee should present to John Turnquist the following Conference decision:
 - 1) The Quarterly Conference promises to pay Brother Turnquist \$25.00 for the next coming six months service to the Church as Music Leader counted from the 1st of January 1885 on condition that Brother Turnquist promises to serve at both worship services each Sunday during the above noted time except when reasonable impediments occur. Outside of [the above] conditions, the Conference wishes not to commit itself to any other compensation.
 - 2) That because of John Turnquist not being able on the 6 following months to give so much time to the general worship services as was possible and appropriate, the Quarterly Conference so considers itself for this time to be able to pay [no] more than (\$15.00) Fifteen dollars.
 - 2) That the Music Committee at the earliest opportunity advises John Turnquist of the above noted Quarterly Conference decision and report [back] at the next Quarterly Conference.
- e) Brother A. Swenson, Representative for the duplex, reported the income and expenses and turned in a very specific report here on. The report was accepted and approved.

6th Q[uestion]: How much is proposed for the Church's servants support during this year?

- a) The Caring Preacher's salary is determined as \$600.00 Six hundred dollars.
- b) The Presiding Elder an amount comparable to 50 cents per member.
- c) To the Bishops, 5¢ per member.
- d) To the Conference Fund for the Needy, 8¢ per member.

7th Q[uestion]: How much has been collected for the Church's servants support during this quarter?

- a) The Caring Preacher? From the Congregation \$85.50. The Mission \$30.00. Total \$115.00.
- b) The P[residing] E[lder]? \$16.25.
- c) The Bishops? 1.25.

The Bookkeeping Steward turned in the following report(P. G. Johnson):

Collections during the quarter	\$32.07
Received from the previous Bookkeeping Steward H. Anderson	<u>23.43</u>
Total amount	\$55.50
Expenses for wood, labor and diverse things	<u>51.85</u>
Balance on Hand	\$3.65

- d) O. Samuelson was elected as Church Sexton and the decided salary was \$6.00 per month.

8th “ : How much are we assigned for charitable purposes this year? See “Sändebudet”⁹.

⁹ “Sändebudet” was a monthly publication of the Swedish Methodist Conference.

10th “ : Are any changes desired with the stewards? Answer: No.

11th “ : Is anyone recommended for permission to preach? No.

12th “ : Have the rules concerning the children’s religious instruction been observed? Yes.

13th “ : Are the Church’s account properly kept? Yes.

15th Q[uestion]: Is there any other business?

- a) Was decided to organize our ?Societies/Socials? and that the money be used for the debt on the house’s payment.
- b) Was decided to adjourn.
- c) The minutes were read and accepted.

L. Dalgren, Chairman

O. J. Stead, Secretary

The Second Quarterly Conference met in the Swedish M. E. Church’s classroom the 16th of March 1885

and opened by the District’s Presiding Elder Rev. L. Dahlgren with song and prayer.

The following Quarterly Conference members were present: O. J. Stead, P. C., N. Sorenson, E. F. Tibbling, N. Nelson, Andrew Malmstrom, C. A. Ericson, P. G. Johnson, A. Muller, Mary Strandlof and several of the Congregation’s members

O. J. Stead was elected as Secretary.

1st Q[uestion]: Who are the Congregation’s Representatives/Trustees? See the 4th Quarter minutes for the previous year.

2nd “ : Who are taken on as the S[unday] S[chool] Directors? A. Muller and John Wahlund who became, upon motion of Br. O. J. Stead, by the Conference taken on to serve for one year.

3rd “ : Are there any disputes? Answer: No!

4th “ : Are there any appeals? Answer: No!

5th “ : Are there any reports?

- a) From the Caring Preacher? Brother Stead reported the congregation’s condition to be good and brought forth several other matters through the reading of a written report.
- b) From the S[unday] School Director? A. Muller reported [?indicating?] the Sunday School condition being good.

c) From the Class Leaders? Brother Tibbling said that good meetings and many visitors are the good relations during the past quarter.

6th “ : How much has been collected for the Church’s servants support during this quarter?

- a) The Caring Preacher? \$97.75. The Mission \$30.00.
- b) The Presiding Elder? \$11.19.
- c) The Bishops? 1.25.

8th Q[uestion]: Are any changes in the Steward desired? Answer: No.

9th “ : Is anyone recommended for permission to preach? Answer: No.

11th “ : Are the Church’s account properly kept? Answer: Yes.

15th Q[uestion]: Is there any other business?

Brother N. Sorenson presented a written report, which presented the various expenses and incomes of the Church residence.

Was moved that water piping be installed in the house as soon as it has been laid down on Temperance Street.

Was moved that we, as the Quarterly Conference, express our thanks to Brother N. Sorenson for his faithful work in the [position] as “agent”.

Was moved that we permit the Church Sexton to live in the classroom and have him have watch over the Church without any other compensation.

Was moved that a committee be elected to in consultation with the Official Board of Grace M. E. Church (sic) find out the price for the purchase of the above named church property. To this committee was elected Brothers N. Sorenson, P. G. Johnson and P. Jenson.

P. G. Johnson turned in a written report of the Congregation’s income and expenses during the quarter.

Sister Mary Strandlof turned in a written report concerning the incomes and expenses from the Socials.

The minutes were read and accepted.

L. Dalgren, Chair.

O. J. Stead, Sec.

TRANSLATOR COMMENT: There is now a gap of 12 years between the above minutes and the following. It remains to be determined if the intervening minutes still exist.

**The First Quarterly Conference for the 1st Swedish M. E. Congregation in St Paul, Minn.
met according to the Presiding Elder's call Nov. 15, 1897**

C. G. Nelson was Chairman and opened the conference with a reading from the Bible and a prayer.

Andrew Farrell was elected as Secretary.

Present were: Andrew Farrell, Pastor, and Chas. Erickson, Gust Ekenson, A. S. Larson, John Malmstrom, A. N. Sorenson, John Nelson, A. Lundquist, John Larson, C. H. Olson, Gust Levin, John Wahlund, Aug. Wallgren [and] M. Christianson.

1 What Representatives are recognized as members of the Quarterly Conference? All except one.

2 Who are recognized as the S[unday] S[chool] Director? John Wahlund.

3 Which Sunday School Director is recognized as a member of the Quarterly Conference? J. Wahlund.

4 Who is recognized as being the Chairman of the Epworth League? John Nelson, President, Alfred Peterson, Ellen Youngren, Adolf Johnson, Edna Larson [and] O. F. Christianson.

5 Which chairman of the Epworth League is recognized as a member of the Quarterly Conference? John Nelson.

6 Are there any disputes? Answer: No.

7 Are there any appeals? Answer: No.

8 How answer the complete accounts for the Preacher's support for the past year?

Paid out to the Pastor	\$550	
“ “ “ “ Presiding Elder	4.50	
“ “ “ “ Bishops Fund	3.00	
“ “ “ “ Conference's support		
Authorized	<u>8.00</u>	\$615.50

9 Are there any reports?

1) From the Pastor:

Quarter Report

The Caring Preacher [for the] 1st Swedish M. E. Congregation, St Paul, Minn. presents herewith the following report to the 1st Quarterly Conference held in St Paul the 15th of Nov. 1897.

We have a Sunday School, which is in good shape. It is visited/attended by on average 70 people, young and old. After the Christmas season, [I] shall try to organize a class for the instruction in the Catechism and Bible history.

The following are the changes in membership:

Taken in from probation 3. Betty Olson, John Pehrson, Anna Elisabeth Pehrson.

Accepted on certificate 1: Hellen Youngren.

Moved away with certificate

: P. V. Anderson, Ada Anderson, Lotta Peterson and Anna Charlotta Erickson.

Deceased: Christina Tibbling.

Departed: P. G. Johnson.

Excommunicated: Peter Hammarström.

Pastor business: I have preached 15 times and led 18 prayer meetings, performed one burial and one marriage and made 86 house visits.

The spiritual condition ought to be better among us. We complain however not without being rather pleased with out lot, but far from being pleased with the progress in our activities.

God gives us souls and increases the hope, which Holy Days hold.

Respectfully,

Andrew Farrell, Pastor

- 2) From the Local Preacher? None.
- 3) From the Sunday School Director? The Director spoke orally about school matters.
- 4) From the President for the Epworth League? None.
- 5) From the Class Leaders? None.
- 6) From the Committees?

Was decided that the Audit Committee have more time for its work and report at the next Quarterly Conference.

10 What amounts are expected of this Congregation this year for the Preachers' support?

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| 1) For the Caring Preacher? | \$350.00. |
| 2) " " Presiding Elder? | 55.00 |
| 3) " " Bishop Fund | 5.50 |
| 4) " " Conference's support entitled | 11.00 |
| 5) " " rent | 150.00 |

11 How then is the financial plan the Stewards have taken on? Monthly collections through the Stewards.

12 Have the church order's rules concerning the collection of means for the Preachers support been carried out? Yes.

13 What amounts have come in for the support of the preaching activities this quarter and how have they been used?

	Incomes	
For the Caring Preacher	\$80.00	
" the Presiding Elder	<u>\$11.00</u>	\$91.00
	Expenses	
To the Caring Preacher	\$80.00	
" the Presiding Elder	<u>\$11.00</u>	\$91.00

14 What amounts are expected of this Congregation for charitable purposes?

For Missions \$65.0. For the Church Building Fund \$16.60.

“ Freedmen’s Aid and the Orphan Home in the city 4.00
Tract Society \$2.00

Other purposes? A free will offering on thanksgiving Day for debt payment on the church.

16 Is the Sunday School organized as a mission society? No.

17 Have the rules concerning the children’ instruction been observed? Yes.

18 Who has received permission to preach or been recommended to the District Conference for receiving such permission? No one.

32 Are the Church’s accounts properly kept? Yes.

33 Are the church and the Preacher’s residence fire insured? Yes.

34 When and where shall the next Quarterly Conference be held? In St Paul upon the call of the Presiding Elder.

35 Is there any other business? Yes.

It was decided to accept P. G. Johnson’s resignation from the Supervisor position in the Congregation.

Was decided that through secret ballot to elect [another] person in his place.

Wallgren nominated Carl E. Larson. Olson nominated Chas. Erickson. Sorenson nominated John Nelson. Chas. Erickson nominated Ernst Tibbling. A. S. Larson nominated Gust Anderson.

Ernst F. Tibbling was elected a Representative for 2 years to fill the place of P. G. Johnson. P. S. Br. Wallgren was permitted to vote for the Representative.

The minutes were read and approve and [the meeting] was adjourned.

C. G. Nelson, P. E.

Andrew Farrell, Sec.

**Minutes over the discussions at the 1st Swedish M. E. Congregation in St Paul, Minnesota
Second Quarterly Conference, which met in the Church at 10th and Temperance Streets the
31st of January 1898**

The Conference was opened by the Chairman C. G. N[elson]

Andrew Farrell was elected as Secretary.

Present were: Andrew Farrell, E. F. Tibbling, Gust Ekenson, Aug. Lundquist, Erik Larson, John Malmstrom, Chas. Erickson, Magnus Christianson, Gust Axelson [and] John Nelson.

- 1 What Representatives are recognized as members of the Quarterly Conference? All.
- 2 Who are recognized as the S[unday] S[chool] Director? Josef Anderson.
- 3 Which Sunday School Director is recognized as a member of the Quarterly Conference? Josef Anderson.
- 4 Who is recognized as being the Chairman of the Epworth League? John Nelson.
- 5 Which chairman of the Epworth League is recognized as a member of the Quarterly Conference? John Nelson.
- 6 Are there any disputes? Answer: No.
- 7 Are there any appeals? Answer: No.

TRANSLATOR COMMENT: In the original minutes there is the notation at this point “Ninth Question see page 75”. I shall insert the Ninth Question at this point.

24 Are there any reports?

1) From the Pastor:

Quarterly Report to the Second Quarterly Conference held the 31st of Jan. 1898.

We have a Sunday School, which is visited/attended by on average 7 people, old and young . The school is led with discretion and much good is accomplished in this activity.

In membership numbers, [there] is little change except Carri Olson, who moved with certificate to clear Lake, Minn.

Our revival meetings during the month of January gave us as recompense a soul, who is saved, and how great is the impact our efforts had over our members in its completeness, I cannot measure. A credit worth interest is shown in that our members more numerously visited our meetings than was the case during the previous year..

Pastor business: I have preached two times each Sunday and led weekly meetings and for four weeks revival meetings. A class for instruction in the Catechism is now formed and 4 children have applied. Home visits to a number of 121 have been made during the quarter.

I wish for the Congregation and myself only more grace. [If] great ?bragging? attaches to our activities, and when we have done our very best, we are useless servants.

God pour out over us in yet greater measure His Holy Spirit.

Andrew Farrell, Pastor

No other reports were presented.

25 What amounts are expected of this Congregation this year for the Preachers' support?

1) For the Caring Preacher?	\$350.00.
2) “ “ Presiding Elder?	55.00
3) “ “ Bishop Fund	5.50
4) “ “ Conference’s support entitled	11.00
5) “ “ rent	150.00

26 How then is the financial plan the Stewards have taken on? Monthly collections

27 Have the church order’s rules concerning the collection of means for the Preachers support been carried out? Yes.

28 What amounts have come in for the support of the preaching activities this quarter and how have they been used?

	Incomes	
1. For the Pastor and the Presiding Elder?		\$136.
2. For the Bishops Fund		
	Expenses	
1. To the Pastor?	\$127	
2. To the Presiding Elder	<u>\$9</u>	\$136

16 Is the Sunday School organized as a mission society? No.

17 Have the rules concerning the children’ instruction been observed? Yes.

18 Who has received permission to preach or been recommended to the District Conference for receiving such permission? No one.

24 Are any changes with the Stewards desired? No.

32 Are the Church’s accounts properly kept? Yes.

33 Are the church and the Preacher’s residence fire insured? Yes.

34 When and where shall the next Quarterly Conference be held? In St Paul upon the call of the Chairman.

35 Is there any other business? No.

The minutes were approved.

C. G. Nelson, P. E.

Andrew Farrell, Sec.

**The Third Quarterly Conference St Paul's First Swedish M. E. Congregation met the 9th of
May 1898**

C. G. Nelson led the Conference in prayer and presided.

Present were: Andrew Farrell, Pastor and Gust Ohlson, M. Christianson Ernst Tibbling, [and] John A. Nelson.

- 1 Which Representatives are recognized as members of the Quarterly Conference? All.
- 2 Who are recognized as the S[unday] S[chool] Director? J. M. Anderson.
- 3 Which Sunday School Director is recognized as a member of the Quarterly Conference? J. M. Anderson.
- 4 Who is recognized as being the Chairman of the Epworth League? John Nelson.
- 5 Which chairman of the Epworth League is recognized as a member of the Quarterly Conference? John Nelson.
- 6 Are there any disputes? Answer: No.
- 7 Are there any appeals? Answer: None.
- 9 Are there any reports? Yes.

1) From the Pastor:

Quarterly Report to the Third Quarterly Conference held the 9th of May
1898.

We have within the Congregation a Sunday School, which works with progress. The average of attendees is around 80 of all ages.

The following [are] the changes in membership numbers:

Taken in full union: A. W. Boreen, Esther Stead [and] Oscar Johnson.

Moved away with certificates: Alida Anderson and Mrs. Hammarstrom.

Pastoral business: House visits – 132. Preached 50 times and led 210 prayer meetings and instructed a catechism class each Saturday.

Much remains for us to do in order to come up to the influence, which our desired God has pity over/upon us.

God pour out over us in yet greater measure His Holy Spirit.

Andrew Farrell, Pastor

- 2) Local Preacher? None.
- 4) Sunday School Director? None.
- 5) The Chairman for the Epworth League? None
- 6) Class Leaders? None
- 9) Committees? None.

11 How then is the financial plan the Stewards have taken on? Monthly collections

12 Have the church order's rules concerning the collection of means for the Preachers support been carried out? Yes.

13 What amounts have come in for the support of the preaching activities this quarter and how have they been used?

	Incomes	
For the Pastor and the Presiding Elder?		\$116.
	Expenses	
To the Pastor?		\$109
To the Presiding Elder		\$ 7

16 Is the Sunday School organized as a mission society? No.

17 Have the rules concerning the children' instruction been observed? Yes.

18 Who has received permission to preach or been recommended to the District Conference for receiving such permission? No one.

24. Are any changes with the Stewards desired? No.

32 Are the Church's accounts properly kept? Yes.

33 Are the church and the Preacher's residence fire insured? Yes.

34 When and where shall the next Quarterly Conference be held? In St Paul upon the call of the Presiding Elder.

35 Is there any other business? Yes.

Was decided to plaster the ceiling in the kitchen at 528 Temperance St. and G. H. Olson was charged to see it carried out.

To the Tent/Camp Meeting Committee was appointed from the First Congregation Ernst Tibbling, M. Christianson and A. Farrell.

Was decided that A. Farrell write to the other congregations who desire to take part in the Camp Meeting to appoint committees in order to meeting to arrange for the meeting in July.

The minutes were read and approve.

Andrew Farrell, Sec.

C. G. Nelson, P. E.

**The Fourth Quarterly Conference for the First Swedish M. E. Congregation Conference
Year 1897/1898 met in the Church at the corner of 10th and Temperance the 29th of August
1898**

The Conference with a prayer by C. G. Nelson and the discussions led by the Presiding Elder.

Present were: Andrew Farrell, Pastor and E. F. Tibbling, A. N. Sorenson, Gust Levin, M. Christianson, G. Ekenson, C./ E. Larson, Chas. Erickson, Aug. Lundquist, John Malmstrom [and] John Nelson.

- 1 Which Representatives are recognized as members of the Quarterly Conference? All.
- 2 Who are recognized as the S[unday] S[chool] Director? J. M. Anderson.
- 3 Which Sunday School Director is recognized as a member of the Quarterly Conference? J. M. Anderson.
- 4 Who is recognized as being the Chairman of the Epworth League? John Nelson.
- 5 Which chairman of the Epworth League is recognized as a member of the Quarterly Conference? John Nelson.
- 6 Are there any disputes? Answer: No.
- 7 Are there any appeals? Answer: No.
- 8 Are there any reports? Yes.

1) From the Pastor:

The Pastor's Report:

Our Sunday School is in good condition/shape and is attended by an average of 70 persons, young and old.

The following [are] the changes in membership numbers:

Joined with certificate: David Anderson, Bengt Bergeson and Christina Bergeson.

Moved away with certificates: Mathilda Johnson, Chas. Johnson, Jennie Johnson and Mattina Christianson..

Pastoral business: Forty-five times I have appeared and led smaller or larger meetings/services during the Quarter.

136 home visits have been made.

The spiritual interest, which for two months has been low, begins to take itself up and [we] hope will stay fast on this same direction. For myself personally, I am satisfied/pleased with my lot and am thankful for the place I have in God's Congregation.

Sincerely,

Andrew Farrell, Pastor

Local Preacher? None.

For the Representatives report see page 84.

The Congregation's Board [of Trustees] minutes were approved.

- 11 How then is the financial plan the Stewards have taken on? Monthly collections through the Stewards. Collections through the Stewards.
- 12 Have the church order's rules concerning the collection of means for the Preachers support been carried out? Yes.

What amounts have come in for the support of the preaching activities this quarter and how have they been used?

Incomes	
1) For the Pastor and the Presiding Elder?	228.00.
2) For the Bishop Fund?	21.00.
3) For Rent?	150.00.
4) For Retired Preachers?	8.00

Expenses	
1) To the Pastors?	190.
2) " the Presiding Elder?	28.
3) The Bishops?	21.
4) For house rent?	150.
5) Retired Preachers?	8.

15 What amounts have been desired and collected for charitable purposes this year?

1) To missions from the Congregation?	64.
" " " the Sunday School?	10.
2) To the Church Building Board?	14.
3) To Freedmen's Aid and training schools in the South?	\$2.00.
4) The Training School. Children's Fund?	3.00.
" " " , Christmas Collection	5.91.
5) Sunday School Union?	
6) Tract Society?	
10) Other purposes?	26.14.

16 Is the Sunday School organized as a mission society? No.

17 Have the rules concerning the children's instruction been observed? Yes.

18 Who has received permission to preach or been recommended to the District Conference for receiving such permission? No one.

19 Have each Local Preacher's and Foreman's characters been examined? E. F. Tibbling.

20 Which Local Preachers and foremen have gotten their permits renewed or which have been recommended to the District Conference for such renewal? E. F. Tibbling.

Questions 21, 22 and 23 were answered with No.

- 25 Who shall be our Stewards for the coming Conference year? The old Stewards were elected except John Malmstrom. John Westlund [was elected] in place of Malmstrom.
- 26 Who shall be District Steward? John Nelson.
- 27 Who shall be the Accounting Steward? Sorenson.
- 28 Who are the Representatives for the Church's property?
 A. N. Sorenson, E. F. Tibbling, 1 year.
 Gust Ekenson, Gust Levin, 2 years.
 A. S. Larson, 3 years
- 29 What committees should be appointed?
 Music Committee: John Wahlund, John Nelson, David Anderson.
 Tracts: M. Christianson, Chas. Bans.
 Audit Committee: E. F. Tibbling, John Westlund, John Wahlund.
 Notice Committee: The Stewards.
- 30 Have the General Rules been read this year? Yes.
- 31 Has the Pastor prepared a visit list or plan over the Congregation according to the Church Order's rules?. Yes.
- 32 Are the Church's accounts properly kept? Yes.
- 33 Are the church and the Preacher's residence fire insured? Yes.
- 34 When and where shall the next Quarterly Conference be held? In St Paul, Minn.
- 35 Is there any other business? Yes.

To usher and take up the collection, E. F. Tibbling and M. Christianson.

The minutes were approved and the meeting adjourned..

C. G. Nelson, P. E.
 Andrew Farrell, Sec.

The Representatives' Report

	Income
In the Treasury 31 Aug. 1897	\$ 12.03
From rental of chairs	5.00
Sunday collections	81.50
Special collections	54.27

Charitable collections	132.37	
Sociables	7.10	
Ladies Aid Society	100.00	
Lecture by Spencer	44.25	
House rents	659.00	
For the Preacher's support	570.42	
Due rent for '98 unpaid	<u>150.00</u>	\$1815.94

Expenses

Preachers' support	Pastor's salary	\$ 550.00	
	" house rent	150.00	
	Presiding Elder's salary	55.00	
	Bishops Fund	2.00	
	Retired Pastors	<u>8.00</u>	\$ 765.00

Collections for	Missions	\$ 74.00	
Charitable	Women's Home Mission	5.65	
Purposes	Church Building Account	14.00	
	Freedmen' Aid Society	3.67	
	Board of Education	1.00	
	Student Loan Fund	2.00	
	The Seminary, Evanston	5.91	
	Poor Fund	<u>26.14</u>	\$ 132.37

General expenses	Taxes	\$ 96.04	
	Light and wood fuel	58.14	
	Repairs	168.67	
	Insurance	49.13	
	Travel expenses	4.94	
	For various purposes	30.49	
	For the Organist	<u>25.00</u>	\$ 432.41

Interest paid		<u>\$ 384.75</u>	\$1714.53
Presently in the Treasury			<u>101.41</u>
			\$1815.94

Assets and Liabilities

Property	\$33470.17	
Real debt		\$9350.00
Demand notes	267.50	
Cash [on Hand]	101.41	
John L. Thornquist		20.00
Church Building Account (interest due)		900.00
Previous year's accountings	23612.20	

Net shortage in expenses	43.12	23569.08
	<u>\$33839.08</u>	<u>\$338739.08</u>

Debt as it now stands:

Church Building Fund on Capital		\$7500.00
" " " " Interest		900.00
To C. G. Levin		850.00
" Catharina Bergquist		1000.00
John L. Thornquist		<u>20.00</u>
		10270.00

Notes due	267.50	
Cash [on Hand]	101.41	<u>368.91</u>
Actual debt		9901.09