

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS  
MINNESOTA CHAPTER  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ORGANIZATION  
November 23, 1910.

The first meeting of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Guild of Organists was held Wednesday evening, November 23, 1910 in the Chapel of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 with Mr. G. H. Fairclough in the chair and ten organists in attendance.

After some explanatory remarks concerning the Guild, its aims, etc., the Chairman read several letters from the Warden in New York leading up to the formation of a chapter in Minnesota.

The Chairman then announced that, acting on authority from the Council in New York, the Warden had appointed the

following officers:

Dean, G. H. Fairclough

Sub-Dean, Hamlin Hunt

Secretary, P. W. Thorne

Treasurer, J. Victor Bergquist

Registrar, Dr. W. Rhys-Herbert

Librarian, G. A. Thornton

Auditors, (W. H. Jones (H. S Woodruff

The officers were installed by the Chairman who acted for the Warden, the distance from New York being so great that the Warden was unable to be present.

The evening was largely taken up with open discussion and questions regarding various details of the organization. It was impossible to get information regarding some points brought up and the Secretary was requested to communicate with the proper authorities in New York concerning them.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Chapter hold monthly meetings, the day to be decided later.

It was decided that the Twin Cities be the center of the Chapter and that the meetings be held alternately in St Paul and Minneapolis, at some hotel or cafe, and to be in the form of a business meeting followed by a supper and a discussion.

Various suggestions were offered relative to talks, lectures, recitals, public services, etc., but no formal action was taken with reference thereto.

The following Executive Committee was elected:

Arthur Custance  
Stanley Avery  
James Lang  
Wm. E. Mulligan  
Horace Reyner  
Eulalie Chenevert  
Edna Wakernan  
A. W. Anderson  
Mrs. Crandall

Names of various organists throughout the State were given by those present, and the Secretary was instructed to communicate with them with reference to their coming into the Chapter.

The next meeting was appointed for Monday evening, December 12, 1910 at St. Johns Church, St. Paul, at eight o'clock.

After a few remarks by the Dean, urging everyone to prepare himself for the Associate ship examinations to be held next May, the meeting was declared adjourned; those present going into the church to examine the new Hope-Jones organ recently installed, and later to the home of the Dean where they indulged in some refreshments and much enthusiastic discussion of the new project.

Secretary,

P. W. Thorne