

The Prometheus Trust

Chairman's Report 2022-23

The Prometheus Trust has restarted its regular activities following the covid interruptions of the last two years and we are pleased to combine them with an expansion of virtual ones, as the reach of the Trust widens.

Publishing

The Trust has ensured that its publications remain available – with numerous titles reprinted in one of our busiest years ever in that respect. We would like to express our gratitude to those volunteers (five in all) who worked on the two volume *Proclus Commentary on the Timaeus* – proof reading and adding the standard page/line numbering to the 1,000 plus pages of the work, in order to keep out Thomas Taylor translation up to date to run alongside the new Cambridge University Press translation.

Background work required for the transferring the whole of the Thomas Taylor Series into a more modern format continues at a steady pace.

During the year we produced the first English translation of Joseph Moreau's highly regarded book, *Plotinus or the Glory of Ancient Philosophy*. The translator, Robert Clark, who had been working quietly on it for six years was very impressed by the Trust's handling of the project.

Work on several volumes is in hand, and these should be published in the coming year.

The proposed new editorial board announcement has been delayed while we wait for our new website to come into operation.

A good working relationship with our North America distributor, Kindred Star Books, has been established.

Education

All face to face activities previously run on a regular basis have been restarted – including two residential modules at our established venue at Purley Chase in Warwickshire; together with monthly evening sessions in both London and Bristol. These ran alongside of the Zoom-based modules and open sessions which started during the covid crisis and which have now established themselves with a worldwide participation – all in all a promising deepening and widening of our educational activities.

Conference

Our annual conference was run for the first time since 2019: the theme was the one we had originally chosen for the cancelled 2020 conference – “Towards a Philosophic Society.” We were pleased the two guest speakers who had agreed to give out Keynote address and the annual Thomas Taylor lecture for that 2020 conference were able to deliver their addresses this summer. Professor Angie Hobbs spoke on *Philosophy in an age of Uncertainty* and Professor Douglas Hedley on *Philosophy and Play*. Fourteen papers were delivered, and we were delighted to welcome friends old and new – in all, 28 people attended.

Public Benefit

The above activities are considered to be of public benefit and pursued in fulfilment of the Trust’s stated purposes: all our zoom courses are offered free of charge; face to face meetings are charged at cost (and where necessary, subsidized) and we price our books to ensure that they are within the reach of ordinary students.

The Trust

We are sorry to have lost two of our Trustees this year – both resigning largely for health reasons (although Peter Lyle will continue acting on the editorial side of the Trust). We would like to express our gratitude to his work as a Trustee since 2017, and also to Stuart Dunbar who joined the board in 2019.

The Trust continues to develop and has had a pleasing strengthening of ties with dedicated scholars and philosophers

who are committed to the cause of genuine Platonism as a living tradition. The pursuit of wisdom is the great business of life – as Plato tells us in his Seventh Letter – and the Trust remains determined to follow that enterprise to the best of its ability.

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Chairman

26.8.23



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/08/2022	To	31/07/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts and donations	906	-	-	906	1,500
Deeds of Covenant	1,966	-	-	1,966	1,804
Income tax reclaimed	540	-	-	540	687
Sales of publications	25,558	-	-	25,558	27,459
Seminar and conference receipts	9,558	-	-	9,558	-
Bank interest	1,568	-	-	1,568	511
Sundry income	2,213	-	-	2,213	55
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	42,309	-	-	42,309	32,016
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	42,309	-	-	42,309	32,016
A3 Payments					
Printing and distribution	38,121	-	-	38,121	17,356
Seminar and conference expenses	14,791	-	-	14,791	1,555
Management and admin expenses	2,447	-	-	2,447	1,900
	-	-	-	-	-

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	55,359				20,811

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Asset & investment purchases	457	-	-	457	2,518
Misc	103	-	-	103	228
Sub total	560			560	2,745

Total payments	55,919			55,919	23,556
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Net of receipts/(payments)	-			-	8,460
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	99,405	-	-	99,405	90,945
Cash funds this year end	85,795			85,795	99,405

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank accounts	85,753	-	-
	Cash in hand	42	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	85,795	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £

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Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-



Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Equipment at nbv	Unrestricted fund	-	532
Stock of publications	Unrestricted fund	-	52,475
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Creditors	Unrestricted fund	337	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	TIMOTHY JOHN ADDEY	22/11/23
	BRONWEN AVERIL ADDEY	22/11/23



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Prometheus Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31/07/2023

Charity no
(if any)

299648

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

13/11/2023

Name:

Martine Fitt

	Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	
	Address:	94 Greenbank Avenue East, Bristol BS5 6EU

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

