

# Worthington Family History Society

## Council Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022, 8.00pm (UK Time), Zoom

**Attendees:** Ian Worthington (Chair), Paul Lawrence, Bill Worthington, Sidney Worthington, Jan Worthington, Hannah Murphy (Minute taker).

**Apologies:** None

### 1. Welcome & Review Previous Minutes

Ian opened the meeting and the minutes from the previous Council Meeting (27<sup>th</sup> March 2021) were reviewed, discussed and agreed. The following points were noted:

- Paul and Larry had followed up on late or missing membership subscriptions, which had resulted in several former members being struck from the membership list.
- Jan had successfully edited the third newsletter (we now needed a fourth “volunteer” for the next issue - to be discussed under Item 3)
- Sidney has been making progress on the archive material (update will be provided under AoB).
- Paul and Bill noted that £91 and US\$353 had been generated from royalties and book sales respectively to date in the current financial year. It was also noted that two books had been donated in the US: one to the US Library of Congress, and one to the Salt Lake City Mormon Church. In the UK, Sidney had donated one to the Society of Genealogists in London.
- Sidney confirmed that the publishers would not be producing a flyer to promote the publication of Volume 1. Jan had previously indicated she might be able to produce a flyer if needed.

**Actions:** Jan to draft a flyer to promote Volume 1.

### 2. Volume 2

Ian provided an update on where things stand with the narratives and charts for Volume 2. Heather Lawrence is assisting him in drafting the narratives and six have now been completed. These will shortly be available within the Members Area of the website. Ian had received some feedback regarding the reading of the charts (they are a different format to those produced for Volume 1 and in colour). The issue revolves around the size of the font when they are printed off rather than read on line. For the latter (and for which it was principally produced) Malcolm has added an image magnifier enabling the reader to see the contents of the pedigree entries much more clearly. A guide on how to use the magnifier will be added to that area of the website.

Ian will discuss further with Malcolm how the charts may be reformatted to allow them to be downloaded and printed and remain legible (but getting them online first remains the priority). Council acknowledged that there had been agreement to produce the second

volume digitally and further was supportive of the new format and the advantages that technology provides.

Jan reminded Council of the option and flexibility of “print on demand” publications should Council wish to explore that route at a later stage.

### **3. Newsletter**

Jan was thanked for her lead on the third WFHS newsletter and volunteers were asked to lead on the fourth newsletter. Bill kindly stepped forward to lead on the next issue which he will aim to have ready by late April/early May.

**Action:** Hannah to email Bill with more information and guidance.

### **4. Membership**

It was noted that there have been three new members join the Society this calendar year. The Membership List on the website and the Mailchimp distribution list have been updated accordingly.

Paul asked whether there was any intention to change the membership rates for the coming year. Council discussed whether these could be reduced given that there had been little financial outgoings in the current FY. However, it was agreed to not make any changes and to keep our reserves to fund new projects.

### **5. Next AGM and Future Gatherings**

At the AGM on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021, it had been agreed that future AGMs would be held virtually to maximise attendance. Council agreed that the next AGM would take place over Zoom towards the end of June 2022.

It was noted that the Covid-19 pandemic was still causing some disruption to travel. That said perhaps an in-person event might be organised for September/October time.

**Action:** Ian and Hannah to meet separately to discuss collating papers ahead of the AGM in June 2022.

**Action:** Council to consider holding an in-person event in September/October 2022 subject to any Covid-19 restrictions.

### **3. AOB**

Paul noted that the Society would be making a payment to Malcolm Anderson of £100 (plus web hosting charges) for his work hosting and managing the website, as agreed at the Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Sidney noted he had received archive material from both Judy Worthington and the solicitor handling Philip Worthington’s affairs. These included papers belonging to the Society and previously stored at Knossington House, Rutland and those found to be in Philip’s possession at the care home where he had resided up until his death.

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Meeting closed at 8.50pm UKT