Jefferson-Houston PTA

MEMBER MEETING 10/28

28 October 2026 / 6:00 PM / Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Virtual: 18

AGENDA

Welcome & Call to Order

This was the second general PTA membership meeting of the year. President Salomea Fredericks opened the meeting by restating the PTAs core areas of focus: community building, advocacy, and fundraising.

PTA Updates

The PTA sponsored and supported several activities in late September and October: Special Education Resource Fair, a Halloween-themed teacher appreciation rejuvenator cart, JH Fall Fest, and student participation in the Marine Corps Marathon.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped with Fall Fest and a big thanks to our community partners for the event, Girls Scouts and KidStrong.

Secretary's Report

Jessica Law called for the motion to accept the minutes from the September general membership meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Katie Robbins provided the treasurer's report, noting that the first quarter brought in $5,450 in income with $1,822.95 in expenses, leaving a cash balance of just under $24,000.

Advocacy Report

Salomea Frederiks shared an advocacy update on behalf of Liz Bolton and Sujata Mitra encouraging families to stay informed through the upcoming CIP budget process and the potential impact on the elementary program. Updates can be found in the PTA's weekly newsletter.

Reminder to pay close attention on November 5th when the acting superintendent will present her CIP budget proposal and December 17th when the board will vote on it.

Admin Update

Dr. Kelly gave an administrative update, sharing recent staff development focus on literacy support, decoding across subject areas, and regular classroom walkthroughs. She also discussed the recent school improvement meeting among staff's team leads and parent representatives.

Dr. Kelly reminded everyone of important dates for Red Ribbon Week, Character Parade, Marine Corps Band performance, End of Quarter, Election Day closure, and COGA assessment for 2nd grade on 11/9-10

Dr. Kelly also announced the return of Operation Gobble Gobble and a new partnership with the Alexandria Police Department that will help by donating holiday turkeys. The partnership also includes community building components through reading and lunching with students.

Upcoming Events

Election Day Bake Sale: November 3rd, beside the Durant Center. Everyone was encouraged to volunteer to provide baked goods or work the sale.

Pancake Breakfast: December 6th. Sign ups for volunteer opportunities will be coming soon.

Merchandise: The PTA will have JH apparel for sale soon

Reminders

Passive fundraiser opportunities are ongoing through the PTA's Givebacks account and Box Tops for Education.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jessica Law and seconded by Katie Robbins to adjourn. The motion passed by majority vote.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

Wednesday, November 18th, 6:00 PM