

## October Member Meeting

Theme: Harvest Hunt

Location: Crescent Woods Community Center (on Harvest Blvd)

Date: October 22, 2025

Time: 5:30PM-8:30 PM

### 5:30PM Check-In

#### Vote on Last Month's Member Meeting Minutes

Members voted to approve minutes from the September member meeting. The minutes were approved with 32 unanimously in favor.

### 5:40PM Welcome

Went over the rules for the scavenger hunt.

### 5:50PM Community Outreach

Caring 4 Cats is a small nonprofit that rescues and feeds cats around Jefferson County. The representative was unable to attend, but shared the following message:

“My name is Jan Kelley, founder of Caring4catsrescue here in Jefferson county for the last 3 years and in Rochester, NY, prior to that where Caring4catsrescue was active for 7 years.

I apologize for not being able to attend but I am very grateful for all the donations as most rescues struggle to acquire funds, food and supplies on a daily basis.

I am a rescue to 44 cats and kittens and I feed 24 colonies from Carthage to Watertown.

Our mission is to rescue, rehabilitation, spay/neuter and rehome as many abandoned, feral and displaced cats as we can.

Majority of rescues are foster based and run directly from loyal volunteers who help feed, foster, and variety of other jobs.

I personally never have enough fosters or funds and I am constantly doing fundraisers. I am always looking for innovative ways to fundraise!

Myself and a couple volunteers also provide catt hutts to help keep them safe from the winter elements at no charge to the person needing them. Donations are always welcome of course.

Rescue is 24/7 and all of us have full time jobs.

The homeless and unspayed/unneutered cat population in Jefferson and surrounding counties is at the highest its ever been and only becoming worse. This makes it very difficult for rescues and humane society's to help more cats and kittens as we are all full! We cant emphasize enough how important it is to spay and neuter!

I would like to thank you for this opportunity to talk about my organization and shed some light on a little bit of what goes into running a rescue!

I cant tell you how appreciative I am for all of the donations and supplies.

You can help my organization by donating directly on my website just click donate!

Caring4catsrescue.org  
PayPal @jankelley223  
Venmo @Jan-kelley-13  
Cashapp \$Jankelley73

You can drop your bottles and cans to makescents on leray st in watertown, I have an envelope on site.

You can drop off monetary and cat food donations to the Wellness cottage at 608 pearl st in watertown

Or 420 south clinton st in carthage.”

Members brought donation items for their mission.

### **6:00PM Club Business**

#### **ODYD**

*Jenna spoke about Operation Deploy Your Dress and their mission. They are always in need of donations and volunteers to help run the shop.*

#### **Off the Beaten Path**

*Motion: To permanently close Off the Beaten’ Path, and thus begin the process of dissolving the account and any remaining assets and redistributing those funds directly to the scholarships and grants programs to be awarded in 2026.*

*We held a special meeting on October 16 to discuss the motion. Minutes from this meeting were available to view prior to the vote.*

*At this time, no requests for proxy votes had been received.*

*Paper ballots were distributed and collected. The motion passed with 36 unanimously in favor.*

#### **Gala and Flock the Yard**

*The North County Gala is taking place on November 15 at the Lincoln Loft. It is a live and silent auction fundraiser. Tickets are on sale now. If you would like to volunteer, please let Allie know. If you have a connection or would like to donate a basket, please reach out to Allie or the Donations Coordinator, Rachel Sipperly. Flock the Yard is an ongoing fundraiser where a flock of plastic flamingos will “appear” in someone’s yard overnight. Please sign up to flock someone*

*or volunteer!*

**6:20PM-7:45PM - Scavenger Hunt**

Teams were created and split up to complete a spooky-themed scavenger hunt around the Fort Drum base.

**8:05PM Harvest Hunt Awards!**

**8:15PM Opportunity Prizes**

**8:25PM Closing Remarks**