

Christian Life Meeting Minutes
09/13/07 6:30 P.M.
APPROVED

Present: Sister Toni, Chris Frank, Rheda Jelen, Betty Staeven, Barb Staudenmaier,
Carolynne Younk

Absent: Jacob Slavek, Sue Whitney

Committee met with Fr. Don to clarify the committee members understanding of the Commission's role in parish life. Following that, members re-worked the mission statement.

Members prepared a petition to the Quad Parish Council to change the name of the Commission from Christian Life to Community Life. This petition will be presented at the Sept. 18 meeting.

Mission Statement: *The role of the Community Life Commission is to promote and enhance a strong community spirit both within and among the four parishes. Our mission is to create feelings of welcome, belonging and parish ownership while recognizing the uniqueness of each Faith Community. We seek to energize our parishes by offering interactive opportunities to families and individuals of every capability and age. The commission actively works with activities and ministries under its umbrella to accomplish this mission.*

Petition to Parish Council to change name to "Community Life" Commission:

1. "Community Life" is a more concrete expression of who we are. There has been a misunderstanding of "Christian Life". It connotes more of the worship aspect (spirituality and Faith formation) rather than community.
2. One of the four parishes did have a "Community Life" commission and because of that it is more readily recognizable.
3. "Community Life" speaks to both individual parishes and the linkage.
4. "Community Life" is a strong reminder that our Christian living is not always about the individual but rather people working together to build up the Body of Christ.