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This coming year (July 1--June 30, 1978), the budget has been reduced to \$61,000. This has come about due to increased participation by other towns in the State and not by a reduction of governmental funds. In setting up a budget for the coming fiscal year, no money was allocated for utilities. This would represent a reduction of <sup>From</sup> ~~of~~ \$2,100 last year to zero for the coming year. The Finance Committee felt that this was unacceptable, and informed them of this with the suggestion that some payment should be made toward utilities. The Center has now agreed to pay \$714 a year. The Finance Committee recommends that the Administrative Board agree to continue the program on this basis, with some modifications and improvements in certain areas of the program. There have been numerous complaints <sup>regarding</sup> janitorial services in the area the Center uses. The Center provides its own service and we need to see an improvement in this area. There are other features of the program which need improvement, but the Finance Committee feels that the Church has a moral obligation to continue to help these people who might otherwise be institutionalized. This action regarding the budget revision affects this year's Church budget as well as next year's.

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C. F. Clark, Chrm.  
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