



# LSA Athletic Booster Club

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Where do our Booster Club monies go?

Membership funds directly support our athletes and the financial needs of the Athletic Department. Did you know it costs the Athletic Program roughly \$40,000 +/- a year to pay for referees at games? And costs are expected to rise. So, the first \$100 of your membership dues automatically goes to paying game officials their fee. When we reach 200 Booster Club members, the Booster Club can cover half the amount needed. Your remaining membership dollars pay for new equipment or projects not supported in the Athletic Program's annual budget. As one example, the Booster Club paid for the hydraulic scissor lift in the Gym. Though it was purchased for the Athletic Program, the entire school benefits since it can be used for everything from sports to drama to the Gala. To see a complete list of all our completed projects, go to "Booster Club" under Athletics on the LSA website.

### Other than membership dues, does the Booster Club have other revenue sources?

Membership dues account for 46% of the budget. So, yes, we need other sources of revenue and they include concessions at games, sports program income, and a few other activities. Concessions typically account for \$13,000-\$14,000 a year. Coach Psencik adds, "that's why it is so important for parents to sign up and work concessions. On occasion, we have had to shut down concessions because we did not have enough volunteers. That has a big negative effect on our budget, and hampers our ability to accomplish our projects." The Booster Club also receives concession revenue when we rent out our Athletic facilities to outside groups. Gate fees also add revenue to the Booster Club. And, private donors are a tremendous help. Thanks to a generous LSA family, we now have new lights for our softball field.

### Sometimes it seems the Booster Club only supports Football. Is that true?

Not at all. Now we are in Texas, and as you know, HS football is big in Texas! Football games do draw the greatest number of students and parents. And, concession revenue from football games alone brings in around \$7,000. But, the Booster Club's mission is to support all LSA sports. Coaches from every sport can approach the Athletic Program and the Booster Club for help funding new equipment or for other needs.

### I have a child in lower or middle school, why should I join now?

You are in a great position to see exactly how Booster Club supports the growth and needs of our school. As you may know, we will soon be breaking ground for the new track, stadium and fieldhouse (funded by the Capital Campaign). The middle school students actually will benefit the most from these new facilities. Why are Booster Club funds needed? They will help offset costs for new equipment or for other related needs.

The track is sorely needed for Lutheran South's track and cross country programs to be competitive with other schools. We are the only private school in our area without a useable track, for example. And, once the track is completed, there is the potential to host about 12 meets per year with concessions. Concessions would bring in about \$20,000 in revenue. And that revenue, in turn, goes toward enhancing the Athletic Program and benefiting the students.

**What if I want to make a donation, but not at any of the membership amounts listed?**

We appreciate any donation, no matter how big or small. All donations help us in accomplishing our mission. To donate, go the LSA website, click on Athletics, then Booster Club, and select the PDF file – DonationForm1. Thank you!

If you have additional questions, don't hesitate to ask! Please email [rob.psencik@lutheransouth.org](mailto:rob.psencik@lutheransouth.org) or Reene Bradshaw, Booster Club President, at [onefrb@aol.com](mailto:onefrb@aol.com).